December 5, 2013

Dear Members of the School Committee:

Attached please find the December, 2013 monthly tracking reports, which consist of:
- Monthly Summary Report
- Budget Tracking Report as of December 2, 2013
- Grant Expenditure Report as of December 2, 2013
- Revolving Expenditure Report as of December 2, 2013
- Revolving Revenues as of December 2, 2013

In the two weeks since the last reports, very little has changed. All of the comments below continue to apply, so I have included them again.

As was previously reported, Special Education out of district tuition continues to be a place of budgetary concern, with present expectations that it run about $700,000 over what was budgeted. There are reserves which can cover this, but it is an important consideration in planning next year’s budget.

There are projected savings in clerical, maintenance and custodial salaries, due to positions that are or were open during this fiscal year. Otherwise, the budget is running as expected, with typical line variations. It is too early in the year to project savings in any area of the budget apart from salaries, so all projections are currently proceeding on the assumption that budgeted amounts will be fully expended.

Planning for the FY15 Budget is well underway. With our enrollment growth in addition to Special Education cost increases, we will have a difficult time making out budget work effectively for all learners without additional support from the Town.

Sincerely,

Diane Fisk Johnson