



Arlington Public Schools

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To: Arlington School Committee
From: Michael Mason
Re: FY2020 End-of-Year Report
Date: November 19, 2020

Please find attached a copy of the final summary total spending report from the FY2020 End-of-Year Financial Report and a report that looks at the last three years of the total expenditures.

End-of-Year Report

As you may know that every district is required to submit a report on their total spending after each fiscal year. This report includes expenditure data from all funding sources including school committee town appropriation, municipal spending in support of schools per agreement between town and schools, federal and state grants, and revolving and special funds. Since this report includes all spending, regardless of the funding source, the total expenditures in this report will not match up or tie to the approved FY2020 budget.

The spending is reported by functional classification codes in accordance with the DESE chart of accounts, and is totaled by funding source. The report lists the functional codes along the left side, and the funding sources are identified along the top of each page. There are 88 functional codes, and the funding categories are separated into ten columns by funding source.

The total expenditures reported in FY2020 is \$112,719,384.06 compared to \$103,158,433.16 from FY19. The district expended 9.3% or \$9,560,950.90 more when comparing to the prior year expenditures. Below is a description of the changes in each funding source.

School Committee (Town Appropriation)

The total spending in this funding category was \$69,045,879. This is an increase of \$3,040,094 or 4.6% increase over prior year expenditures. This spending level was in line with the FY2020 budget. This figure does not include the transfer of \$418,062 into the Special Education Reserve Fund and the prepayment of FY21 special education out-of-district placement tuition in the amount of \$1,368,309.95.

Town Expenses (Not included in Town Appropriation)

The next column reports on expenditures that the town has spent. This includes all spending that is in benefit of the school department. Spending in this category includes health insurance, retirement assessment, regional school assessment, debt service (example: Arlington High School project expenses), and both direct and indirect costs from other town department for services rendered. The total expenditures in this funding category was \$32,202,480. This was an increase of \$6,125,226 or 23.5% over prior year expenditures. The majority of this increase is from increase in debt retirement/school construction, Arlington High School related expenses, and Regional School assessment.

Grant Funds

Grant spending is in the next two columns for State and Federal grants. The total spending in these funding categories was \$2,469,981. This is a year over year increase in spending by \$247,416 or -11.1%. Grant reporting, like other expenditures in this report is reported from July to June like the fiscal year. Some grants are awarded from September to August, and therefore not all expenditures will be captured in this snapshot for a grant award period. However, the grant spending is higher than the past trend due to the prior year reported expenditure change requested by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The expenditures that occur after July, will be reported in FY2021 unlike how we budget in the School Committee budget.

Revolving and Special Funds

The revolving and special funds spending columns are all of the remaining columns (5 through 10) The total expenditures in these categories was \$9,001,044. These expenditures was an increase of \$148,215 or 1.7% over prior year expenditures. Revolving and special fund spending is unique in that this includes expenditures on activities such as the Menotomy Preschool, Community Education, and School Lunch, which are not included in the School Committee’s district approved budget.

Below is a list of types of accounts that for the expenditures in this category:

- Column 5 – Circuit Breaker
- Column 6 – Gifts & Donations at each school, Private Grants (example: AEF)
- Column 7 – Tuition and User Fees (Menotomy Preschool, Instrumental Music Lessons, Daycare, Foreign Exchange Tuition)
- Column 8 – Athletics
- Column 9 – School Lunch
- Column 10 – Other Receipts (Community Education, Building Rentals)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Business Office.