

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue

7:30 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome:

Public Comment – (Written comments to be presented to the School Committee; oral presentations not to exceed three minutes.)

7:40 p.m. Superintendent's Announcements:

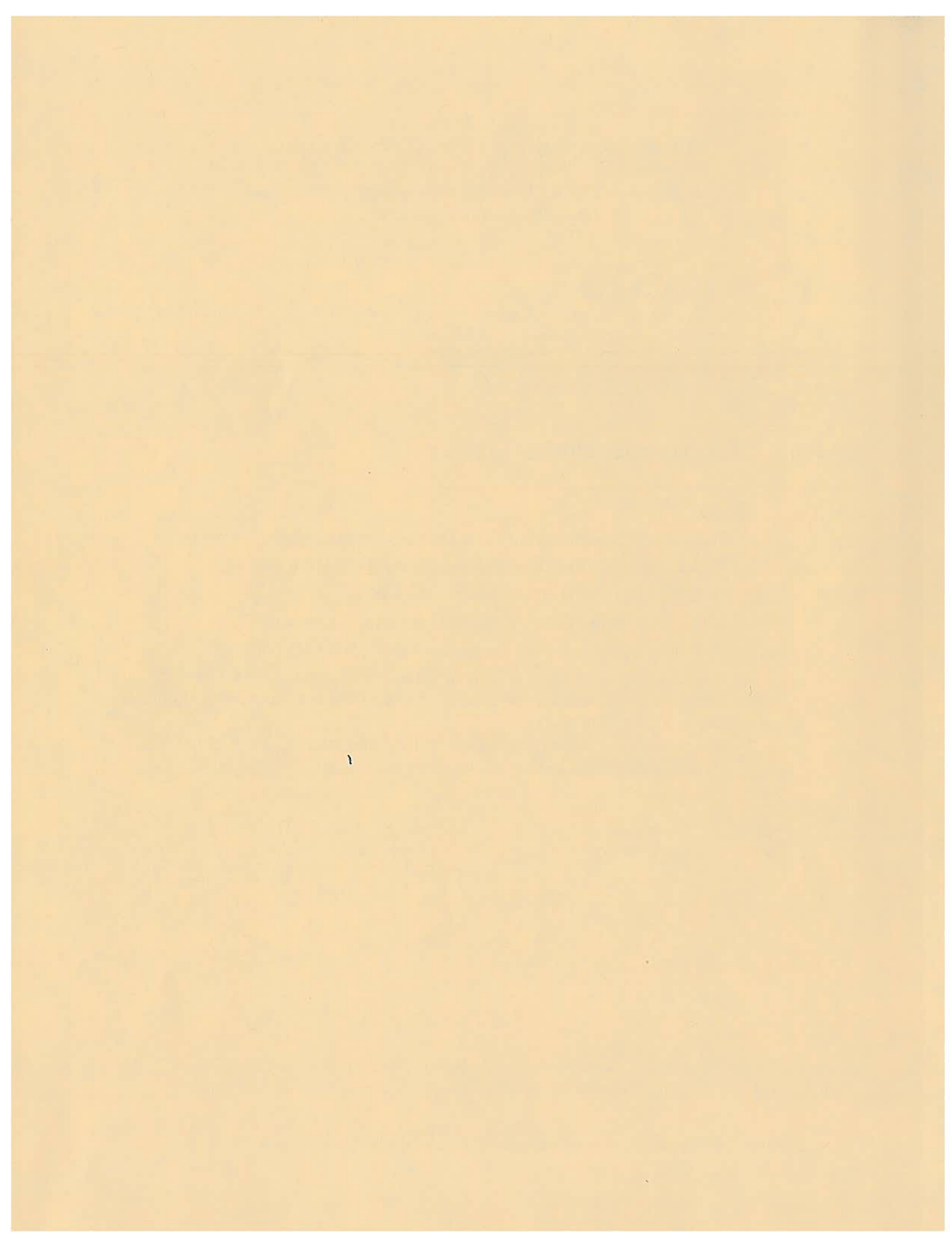
7:45 p.m. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns:

8:00 p.m. Agenda:

1. Discussion of Superintendent's FY14 Recommended Budget (30 minutes)
2. Vote to Approve FY14 Operating and Capital Budgets (10 minutes)
3. FY13 2nd Quarterly Financial Report (15 minutes)
4. School Committee Position Letter on Gun Safety (15 minutes)
5. Discussion of Future School Committee Agenda Items (15 minutes)
6. Vote to Accept a Donation of Athletic Equipment Valued at \$8,000 from the Lexington High School Boys' Football Booster Club to the Lexington High School Fitness Center (2 minutes)
7. Vote to Accept a Donation of Science Lab Equipment Valued at \$2,704 from Thomas Miller to the Lexington High School Physics Group (2 minutes)

The next meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue.

All agenda items and the order of items are approximate and subject to change.



**Lexington Public Schools
FY13 Budget Recommendation**

as of 2/12/2013
Correction to FY11 and FY12 Actual Years

**School Committee Vote
February 12, 2013**

Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY2012 Actual	FY2013 ATM	FY2014 REC.	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
Tax Levy	\$ 65,017,437	\$ 67,947,664	\$ 70,959,304	\$ 76,149,332	\$ 81,674,343	\$ 5,525,011	7.26%
Avalon Bay Mitigation Fund			\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0.00%
One-Time Only Funds				\$ 229,024	\$ -	\$ (229,024)	-100.00%
Shared Expenses: Benefits							
Enterprise Funds (Indirects)							
Fees & Charges							
Total 1100 Lexington Public Schools	\$ 65,017,437	\$ 67,947,664	\$ 71,209,304	\$ 76,628,356	\$ 81,924,343	\$ 5,295,987	6.91%

Superintendent Request	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY2012 Actual	FY2013 ATM	FY2014 REC.	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
Compensation	\$ 54,440,050	\$ 57,160,025	\$ 60,894,680	\$ 64,481,249	\$ 68,649,329	\$ 4,168,080	6.46%
Shared Expenses: Benefits					\$ 610,380		
Expenses	\$ 10,577,386	\$ 10,787,639	\$ 10,314,624	\$ 12,147,107	\$ 12,664,634	\$ 517,527	4.26%
Sub-total Compensation	\$ 65,017,437	\$ 67,947,664	\$ 71,209,304	\$ 76,628,356	\$ 81,924,343	\$ 5,295,987	6.91%

School Committee vote less "Shared Expenses: Benefits" - February 12, 2013

Appropriation Summary	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY2012 Actual	FY2013 ATM	FY2014 REC.	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
Compensation	\$ 54,440,050	\$ 57,160,025	\$ 60,894,680	\$ 64,481,249	\$ 68,649,329	\$ 4,168,080	6.46%
Expenses	\$ 10,577,386	\$ 10,787,639	\$ 10,314,624	\$ 12,147,107	\$ 12,664,634	\$ 517,527	4.26%
Sub-total Compensation	\$ 65,017,437	\$ 67,947,664	\$ 71,209,304	\$ 76,628,356	\$ 81,313,963	\$ 4,685,607	6.11%

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Town of Lexington

Department: Schools

FY 2014-2018 Department Summary of Capital Improvement Projects

Priorit	#	Project Name	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Total
1	811	Systemwide Technology Capital Request	\$1,213,000	\$1,200,000	\$980,000	\$980,000	\$980,000	\$5,353,000
1	858	Systemwide School Classroom Furniture Capital R	\$281,031	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$681,031
1	861	Time Clock/Time Reporting System	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Department Totals			\$1,524,031	\$1,300,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000	\$6,064,031

Approval by: _____

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Town of Lexington

Department: Public Facilities

FY 2014-2018 Department Summary of Capital Improvement Projects

Priorit #	Project Name	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Total
0	564 LHS Heating Systems Upgrade Phases 2, 3 & 4	\$0	\$250,000	\$1,150,000	\$2,250,000	\$0	\$3,650,000
0	590 Muzzey Senior Center Upgrade Phase 3	\$526,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$526,818
0	639 Cary Memorial Building Upgrades	\$550,000	\$7,987,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,537,000
0	647 Municipal Building Envelope and Systems	\$173,954	\$178,302	\$182,760	\$187,329	\$192,012	\$914,357
0	652 Public Facilities Second F350 Vehicle	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
0	653 School Building Flooring Program	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$625,000
0	696 School Window Treatments Extraordinary Repair	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
0	698 School Paving Program	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$450,000
0	699 Interior Painting Program	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$750,000
0	700 LHS Overcrowding - Phase 3	\$362,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,362,000
0	749 Public Facilities Bid Documents	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
0	835 Visitor Center	\$175,000	\$1,692,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,867,900
0	856 School Security Standardization	\$370,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$370,000
0	866 Installed Wall Units - Air Conditioner	\$56,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,000
0	869 Building Renewal Funding	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000
0	870 Hastings School Renovation/Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$40,000,000	\$41,100,000
1	561 School Building Roofing Program	\$0	\$157,930	\$396,162	\$0	\$0	\$554,092
1	562 School Building Envelope and Systems Program	\$235,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,035,000
1	754 Diamond Energy Improvements	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$800,000
1	838 Middle School Science and Performing Arts Space	\$0	\$465,000	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	\$640,000
1	862 Hastings Kitchen Renovation	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000
1	863 New Clarke Middle School Bus Loop Study	\$35,000	\$285,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$320,000
1	864 Print Shop Renovation	\$312,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$312,000
1	865 Human Resources Office Renovation	\$29,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,500
Department Totals		\$5,545,272	\$16,916,132	\$4,803,922	\$6,387,329	\$42,942,012	\$76,565,167

Approval by: _____

(Department Head Signature required)



Lexington Public Schools

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To: Paul Ash, Superintendent
From: Mary Ellen Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business
Date: February 7, 2013
Re: FY 2013 – 2nd Quarter Financial Report

The projected surplus for FY 2013 is \$690,488. The source of these funds is due normal changes in staffing, lower out-of-district tuition costs, and additional special education circuit breaker funds.

	Budget	Projected	Balance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	% Expended
Salary & Wages	\$ 64,481,249	\$ 64,331,575	\$ 149,674	99.77%
Expenses	\$ 12,147,107	\$ 11,606,294	\$ 540,813	95.55%
Total Budget	\$ 76,628,356	\$ 75,937,868	\$ 690,488	99.10%

Salaries and Wages (projected surplus \$149,674): Since the district is currently negotiating the three remaining union contracts, final wage settlements are not yet known. The second quarterly projection is based on current personnel information and estimated wage settlements.

	FY13 ATM	FY13 Prjection	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	NOTES 1st QTR	NOTES 2nd QTR
LEA Unit A - Teachers	631.04	621.27	9.77	Correction of long term subs to Sub Account, .5 Asst Dir Guidance transferred to Non-Union Mgrs,	9.6 transferred to ALA, vacancies filled with long term subs
LEA Unit A - Stipends					
LEA Unit A - Athletics					
LEA Unit D - Secretary 10 month	48.51	49.04	-0.53	SSP Hours added	SSP hours to be filled
LEA Unit D - Secretary 12 month	21.75	21.81	-0.06		adj of hours
Non Union - MGRS	19.00	20.95	-1.95	K-5 Guidance Director Transferred from ALA, SPED Data Mgr Transferred from Technology, Admin Asst to LHS Assoc Princ reclassified and transferred from technology, and .5 Asst Guidance Transferred from LEA	Vacancy of Finance Manager
LEA Unit C - Paraprofessionals	106.29	120.32	-14.03	Transfers from Non-Union Paraprofessionals & Supplemental	IEP requirements
Non Union - Paraprofessionals	14.67	5.00	9.67	Transfer to Unit C	Overmax Aide hours
ABA/BCBA	2.90	2.90	0.00		
Occup Therapy Asst	-	3.00	-3.00	No budget for OTA at time of vote	
Special Class Aide	11.25	12.55	-1.30	Hours adjustment	IEP requirements
LEA Unit - Technology	14.00	11.00	3.00	Two positions reclassified (Sped Data Mgr, Admin Asst to LHS Assoc Principal	Vacancy
Central Administration	6.50	6.37	0.13	Partial vacancy of Director of Special Education due to interim status	
Principals	9.00	9.00	0.00		
ALA Unit	26.10	35.20	-9.10	Full-Time Elem Asst Principals added, K-12 Guidance Dir transferred to Non-Union Mgrs	Dept Heads Transferred from LEA
Total	911.01	918.42	-7.41		

Lexington Public Schools – FY2013 2nd Quarter Report as of December 31, 2012

Expenses: The expense budget surplus is projected to be \$540,813. There are three accounts that significantly vary from the budget allocation: Transportation (In-district, Out-of-District, Homeless/Aggie), and Special Education Out-of-District Tuitions, and Legal Services.

	Budget	Projected	Balance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	% Expended
All other Accounts	\$ 4,430,822	\$ 4,430,822	\$ -	100.00%
Tuitions	\$ 5,588,952	\$ 4,869,390	\$ 719,562	87.13%
Transportation-Regular	\$ 889,973	\$ 889,973	\$ -	100.00%
Transportation-Spec. Educ.	\$ 1,015,000	\$ 1,024,517	\$ (9,517)	100.94%
Transportation-Homeless/Aggie	\$ -	\$ 27,231	\$ (27,231)	2723120%
Legal Services	\$ 222,360	\$ 364,360	\$ (142,000)	163.86%
Total	\$ 12,147,107	\$ 11,606,294	\$ 540,813	95.55%

Out-of-district Tuition (projected surplus: \$719,562): The out-of-district tuition budget currently supports 113 students, which is a reduction of nine students since the first quarterly report. There are now three fewer students than budgeted. Part of the surplus is also due to changes in student placements.

	FY13 Budget	Revised Revenue	Total of all funds available	Projected Expense	Balance
FY13 Operating Budget	\$ 5,588,952		\$ 5,588,952	\$ 4,869,390	\$ 719,562
LABBB CREDIT	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	250,000	\$ -
**FY13 estimated Circuit Breaker	\$ 2,318,428	\$ 355,939	\$ 2,674,367	2,674,367	\$ -
Projected FY13 Level Fund	\$ 8,157,380	\$ 355,939	\$ 8,513,319	\$ 7,793,757	\$ 719,562

DOE Function Code	DOE Function Title	Status	Program Type	FY13 ATM Head Count	FY13 ATM Budget	FY13 11 28 12 Head Count	FY13 projected cost		
9100	Tuition to Mass. Schools	High Risk Placement	1:1 Aide day summer	1	\$ 36,633	4	\$ 4,359 86,945		
			Tuition	day extended services summer short term	5 1	\$ 276,124 8,396 30,098	6 1	\$ 306,837 8,396 42,523 -	
		9100 Total			7	\$ 351,252	11	\$ 149,060	
		9200	Tuition to Out-of-State Schools	Personnel	1:1 Aide residential		\$ 39,491		\$ 39,917
Tuition	residential			1	\$ 264,431	1	\$ 251,303		
Unilateral Placement - High Risk	day			1	\$ 21,416				
9200 Total			2	\$ 325,338	1	\$ 291,220			
9300	Tuition to Non-Public Schools	High Risk Placement	1:1 Aide day residential summer summer & day	9 1	\$ 526,383 93,641 6,806	9 2	\$ 295,195 243,106 51,702		
			Personnel	1:1 Aide summer program		\$ 69,244 33,161		\$ 59,452 33,161	
			Summer Program	summer program	2	\$ 18,771		\$ 27,973	
			Tuition	day residential summer short term	41 11 1	\$ 2,473,200 2,106,853 29,147	45 9	\$ 2,656,556 1,964,055 27,667	
		Unilateral Placement - High Risk	day summer	7	\$ 221,040	1	\$ 43,400		
		9300 Total			73	\$ 5,694,313	69	\$ 5,458,333	
		9400	Tuition to Collaboratives	High Risk Placement	day summer summer & day	2	\$ 106,814	2	\$ 68,380
					Personnel	1:1 Aide summer & day		\$ 73,961 49,500	
				Tuition	day extended services summer summer & day short term	3	\$ 133,394 18,409 2,530 1,453,550 8,320	27	\$ 1,153,172 27,553 123,292 2,974 8,320
				9400 Total			34	\$ 1,846,478	32
Grand Total				116	\$ 8,157,381	113	\$ 7,793,757		

Transportation:

Regular Transportation (potential deficit of \$103,500): We are still negotiating with C & W the cost impact of the Elementary Afterschool Transportation and for the installation of camera and video equipment required by contract. Elaine Celi, Transportation Coordinator, and C&W Transportation have finalized the routes and schedules for the elementary program. In addition, we have worked out the contract terms for selecting and installing video equipment on all of our school buses. The adjustment to the Transportation budget could be as high as \$103,500. Review of revenue collections and actual costs are being calculated in order to know the final budget impact.

As reported in the October 24, 2012 memorandum "Update on School Bus Ridership"; the School Department will need to use \$285,365 of the \$316,000 Annual Town Meeting, Article 17 subsidy. The program is charging a fee of \$300 for yellow bus transportation and \$50 for the FlexPass option. The increase in ridership, combined with the Town Meeting subsidy means parents are now paying 45% of the cost per seat. Last year, parents paid 80% of the cost per seat.

Homeless Transportation (projected deficit: \$27,231): The district is anticipating an increase in supporting homeless students at the Quality Inn (440 Bedford Street) in Diamond/Estabrook district. We have learned that this site is under contract with the U.S. State Department and Mass. Dept. of Housing and Community Development. Under the McKinney Vento Act, the school district where the student resides and the school district the student attends split the cost of transportation to and from school. Currently, we are sharing costs for students from Boston, Somerville, Everett, and Burlington. These students do not attend our schools. Our current projected cost for this service is \$27,231, which will increase if we continue to have more homeless students living in our district for the remainder of the school year.

Special Education Transportation (projected deficit: \$9,517): While our out-of-district transportation costs are declining, the in-district transportation is increasing. The budget projection does not hold any transportation funds in reserve for any of the twenty-seven projected high risk students who may be placed in out-of-district schools before the close of the school year.

Legal Services (projected deficit: \$142,000): Recent personnel and special education legal expenses have resulted in a growing deficit in this account. The amount projected is the current best estimate of what will be expended by the end of the fiscal year.



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Lexington School Committee

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February 1, 2013

The Honorable Ed Markey
United States House of Representatives
5 High Street, Suite 101
Medford, MA 02155

Dear Mr. Markey,

In our role of responsibility in securing the safety of our school facilities and the protection of our school children, the Lexington School Committee urges the U.S. Congress to adopt legislation to ban the sale and possession of military-style assault weapons, ban the sale and possession of high capacity magazines, and require every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check.

Moreover, we urge the National School Boards Association (NSBA) to support this effort.

Given that we support the right of local school committees to make informed decisions regarding school security and that these decisions should be made at the local level, the Lexington School Committee urges the rejection of the National Rifle Association (NRA) assertion that staffing schools with armed security personnel is the most effective strategy for protecting our children.

Sincerely,

Margaret Coppe
Chair

2012-2013 SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDAS
(Revised February 6, 2013)

February 26

- Update from School Transportation and Safety Study Committee
- Lexington Parent Presentation on Student Stress
- Executive Session on Collective Bargaining

March 12

- School Committee Goals for FY14
- Report on K-12 Guidance

March 18

- Town Meeting Articles

March 20

- Town Meeting Articles

Wednesday, March 27

- Town Meeting Articles

Monday, April 1

- Town Meeting Articles

Wednesday, April 3

- Town Meeting Articles

Monday, April 8

- Town Meeting Articles

Wednesday, April 10

- Town Meeting Articles

Monday, April 22

- Town Meeting Articles

Wednesday, April 24

- Town Meeting Articles

April 30

- Public Hearing on School Choice
- Report on PreK-12 Health Services
- 3rd Quarterly Financial Report

May 14

- Social Studies Curriculum Review – Year 2
- Discussion of 2014-2015 Recommended School Calendar

May 28

- Discussion of 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 School Improvement Plans
- Vote to Approve Recommended 2014-2015 School Calendar

June 11

- TBA
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Possible Other Topics

- Legal Counsel
- Curriculum Subcommittee
- Elementary Foreign Language
- Recommended Policy on Minimum Class Size
- Update on K-5 Standard-Based Report Card