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FY 2011 School Committee Budget

TMMA Information Meeting – March 11, 2010

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FY 11 Budget Guidelines

In developing the FY 11 budget, the Superintendent will:

1. Continue the current level of services with the understanding that the School Committee will consider equal-cost substitutions in the recommended budget with all assumptions clearly defined.
2. Ensure all legal mandates will be met.
3. Ensure professional staffing guidelines will be met.
4. Continue to identify and plan alternatives that will provide services in more cost-effective ways (e.g., build more in-house capacity to avoid some special education out-of-district costs, reduce energy consumption, reduce special education transportation costs per rider).

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FY 11 Budget Guidelines

In developing the FY 11 budget, the Superintendent will:

5. Maintain capital assets in order to support the instructional program, protect the physical assets of the Town of Lexington, and to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.
6. Identify ways to reduce the budget, if there are not sufficient monies available to fund a level-service budget.

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School Committee Budget

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET

FY 10 Budget	\$66,958,293
Voted Increase	\$1,789,133
FY 11 School Committee Budget	\$68,747,426
	2.67%
ARRA (federal stimulus funds)	\$818,090
TOTAL	\$69,565,516

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Major Changes to the FY 11 School Budget

Salaries & Wages

\$1,666,983

- Collective Bargaining (to be negotiated)
- Step Increases
- Lane Changes
- Vacant Positions Eliminated (-\$467,518)
- New Positions Added (\$454,518)
(Educational Technology,
Restore K-5 Social Studies Coordinator)

Expenses

\$940,240

- Special Education Tuitions – Net Circuit Breaker Offset (\$857,583)
- Special Transportation (-\$322,153)
- ARRA Professional Development (\$135,733)
- Technology (98,000)
- Other (SPED Consultants, Reg. Transportation, Other) (\$171,077)

Gross Total

\$2,738,992

Less ARRA Federal Stimulus Grant

-818,090

Net Total

1,789,133

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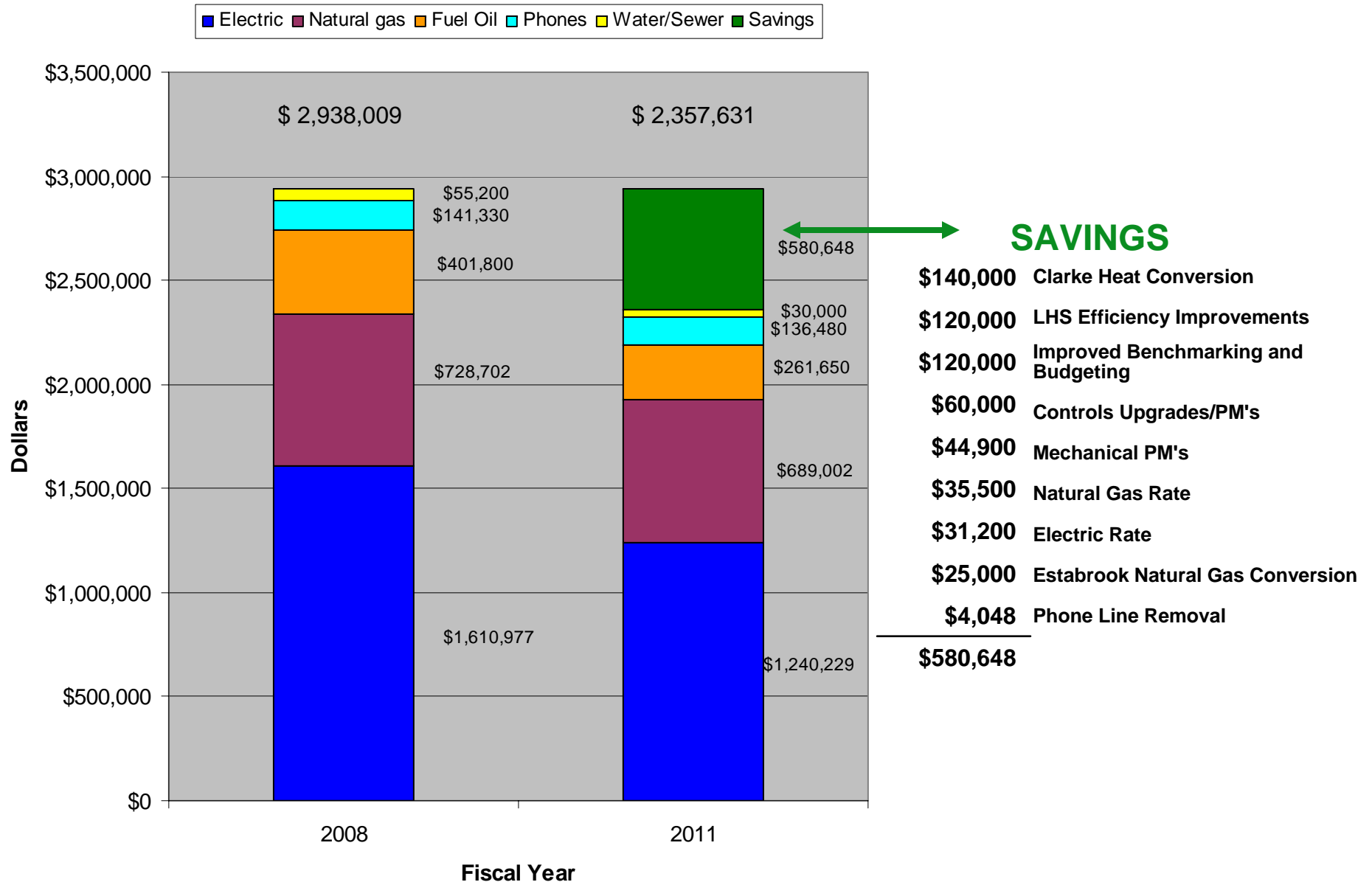
Our Goal - To Be Efficient and Effective

What have we accomplished to improve **efficiency**?

- FY 08: Augmented five special education programs
 - Saving **\$893,279** per year
- FY 08: Began aggressive program to reduce energy costs.
 - Saving **\$580,000** per year



School Utility Budget Savings





Other Savings

- \$ 44,532** **Benefits reduction from contracted custodial services (FY2011)**
- \$ 14,681** **Central Administration Building conversion to natural gas and high efficiency boilers (FY2012)**
- \$ 32,500** **Fiske Elementary electrical reduction from controls upgrade and well water balancing (FY2012)**
- \$ TBD** **Lexington Energy Challenge, goal to reduce utility usage 20% from 2008 through 2013**

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What have we accomplished to improve **efficiency**?

Continued

- FY 09: Led drive to create regional special education transportation system.
 - Projected savings **\$408,798** (FY 10)
- FY 10: Further reduced special education tuition costs by reorganizing the Fiske Intensive Learning Program
 - Projected savings **\$172,532** per year

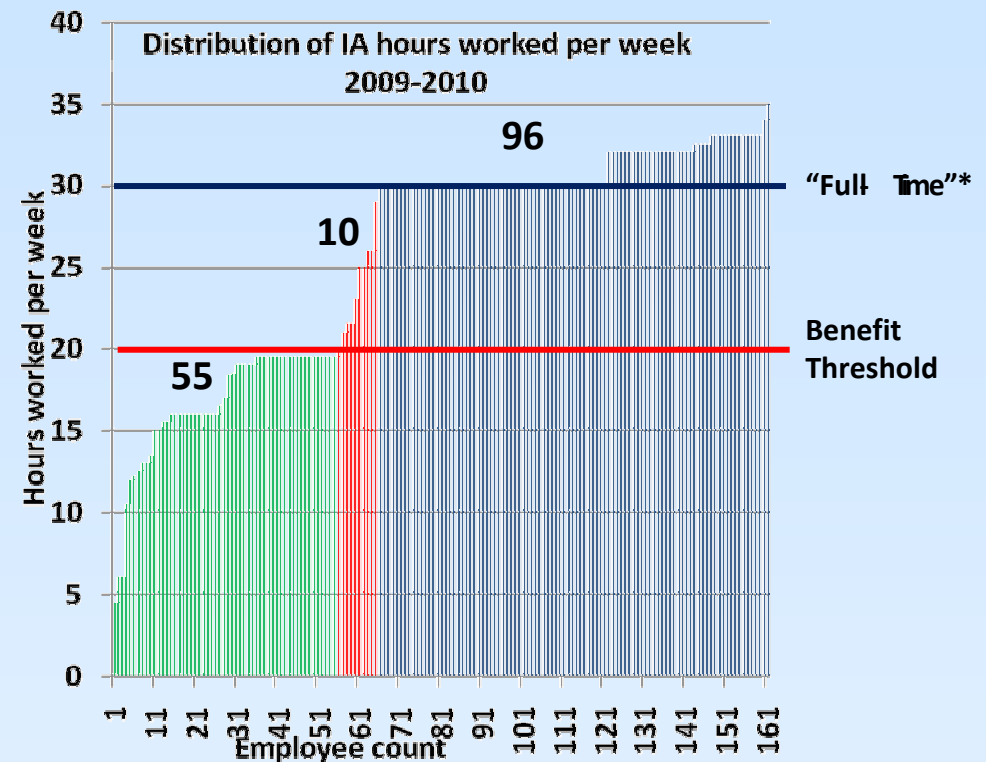
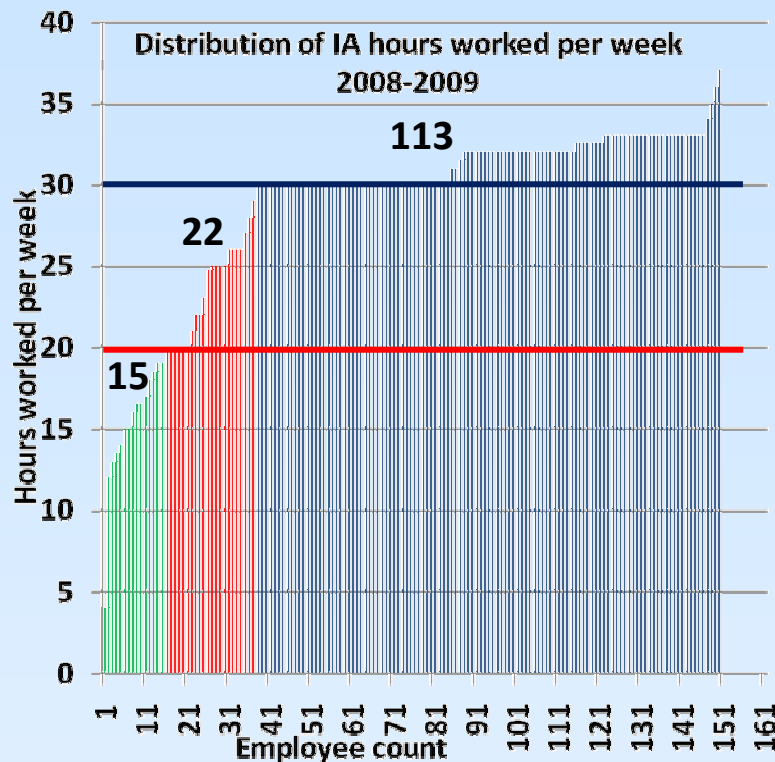
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What have we accomplished to improve **efficiency**?

Continued

- FY 10: Outsourced custodial services for four buildings (3 HS and central office)
 - Projected savings **\$44,534**
- FY 10: Eliminated bus to a Lexington private school
 - Savings **\$65,000**
- FY 10: Reduced number of benefit eligible positions and reduced number of Instructional Assistant positions
 - Projected savings **\$374,293**

Instructional Assistant Head Count and Hours 2008-2009 vs. 2009-2010



- Reduced benefits eligible: 135 ➔ 106 (Saving \$233K)
- Reduced “Part-Time*” benefits eligible: 22 ➔ 10
- Increased non-benefits eligible: 15 ➔ 55
- Reduced hours by 6,440 / year (Saving \$116K)

* Elementary schools have 30 student contact hours per week

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Ongoing Annual Savings

- Expanded Special Education Programs
 1. In FY 08, \$893,279 per year
 2. In FY 09, \$172,532

\$1,065,811
- Reduced Energy and Utility Use: **\$580,648**
- Regionalized Special Education Transportation: **\$408,798**
- Outsourced Cleaning Services: **\$44,532**
- Eliminated Private School Transportation: **\$65,000**
- Reduced the Number of Benefits-Eligible IA Positions: **\$233,173**
- Reduced the Number of Benefits-Eligible Teacher Positions: **\$25,200**
- Reduced the Number of Instructional Assistants: **\$115,920**

ONGOING ANNUAL SAVINGS \$2,539,082

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Due to these efforts...

The Lexington Public School System has returned \$3,765,279 to the Town in the past 3 years.

FY 07	\$ 995,685
FY 08	\$ 2,184,907 (from this amount \$350,000 was transferred to the Special Education Stabilization Account by Town Meeting)
FY 09	<u>\$ 584,687</u>
Total	\$ 3,765,279

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FY 2011 Budget Shortfalls for Area School Systems*

Community	FY 2010 Budget	FY 11 Budget Shortfall	% of 2010 Budget
Arlington	\$47,588,152	\$4,527,000	9.51%
Bedford	\$35,277,429	\$700,000	1.98%
Belmont	\$38,118,602	\$4,300,000	11.28%
Brookline	\$91,114,287	\$0**	0.00%
Needham	\$61,745,707	\$1,551,687	2.51%
Newton	\$169,549,867	\$3,527,273***	2.08%
Wayland	\$37,821,641	\$1,500,000	3.97%
Wellesley	\$62,684,573	\$2,069,257	3.30%
Westwood	\$37,471,115	\$756,701	2.02%
Winchester	\$42,100,240	\$682,000	1.62%
Lexington	\$90,704,706	\$0	0.00%
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			

* Budget shortfall is defined as the difference between the cost of level service and projected funds available as of March 10.

** Brookline adopted the GIC Insurance Plan.

*** Assumes no reduction in State Chapter 70 Aid for Newton.

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Program Improvements in FY 11

- *Educational Technology*
 - 3.0 Instructional Technology Specialists (K-5, 6-8, 9-12)*
 - 3.0 Technology Aides*
- *K-5 Mathematics Coach (1.0 position)*
- *Restore the K-5 Social Studies Coordinator lost in the 2007 failed override*



Tech Department Understaffed

District	Enrollment	Technicians /Help Desk	Inst. Tech. Specialists
Concord-Carlisle	3,104	5	5
Winchester	4,092	3	3
Wellesley	4,760	10 (5.5 are aides)	4
Needham	5,238	6	5
Lexington	6,131	4	1
Andover	6,167	4	5
Newton	11,607	7	11.2

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LPS Capital Budget

- **School Committee** **\$ 951,071**
School Technology (\$696,000)
Food Service Equipment (\$99,500)
Time Clock/Time Reporting System (\$97,000)
Classroom Furniture (\$58,571)
- **Department of Public Facilities** **\$1,749,400**
(Schools Only; Includes \$750,000
for Bridge and Bowman Design Fund)



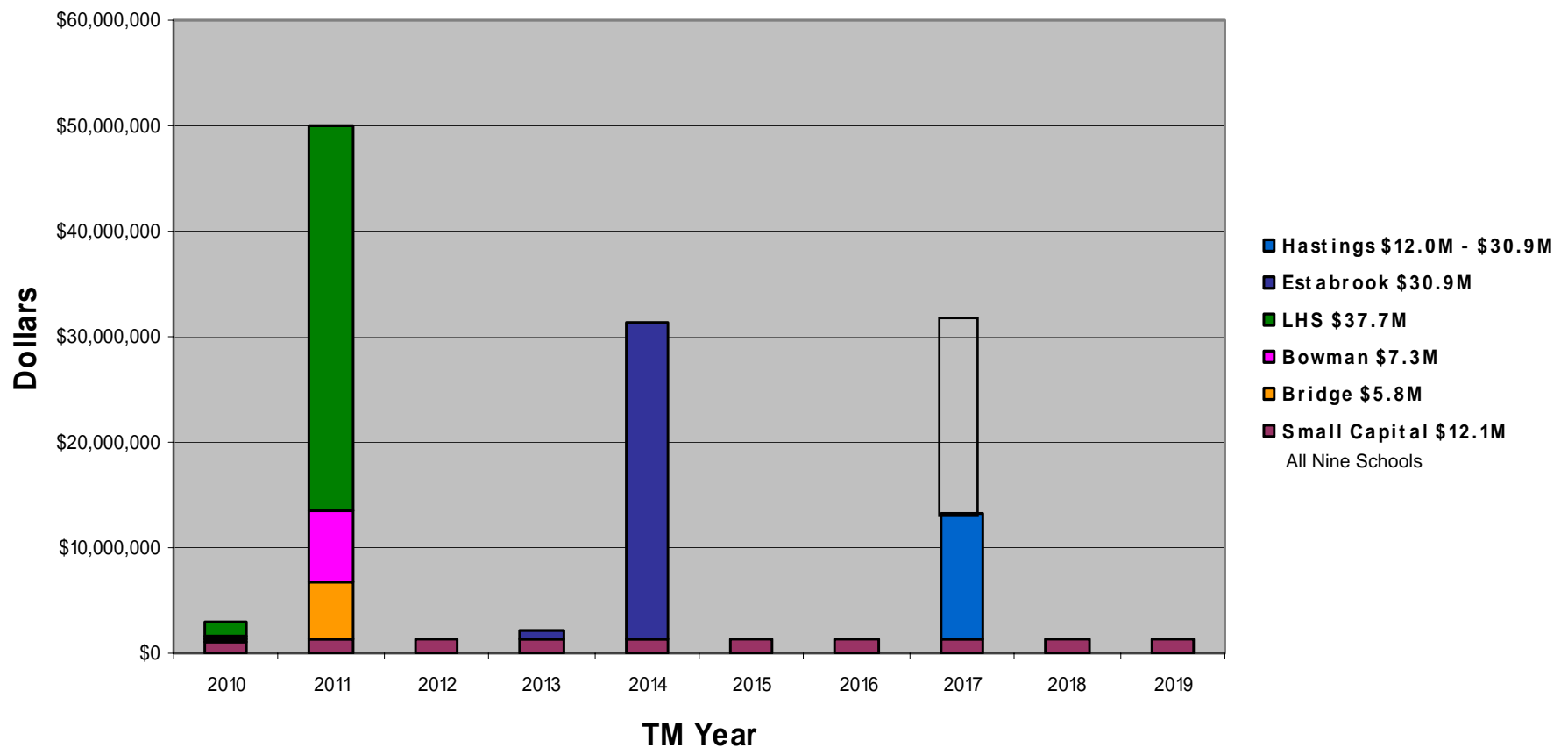
10 Year School Facility Capital Spending

With MSBA Approval of LHS Project

Total School Facility Capital Spending \$105.7M - \$124.7M

2010 - 2019 TM

2010 Dollars





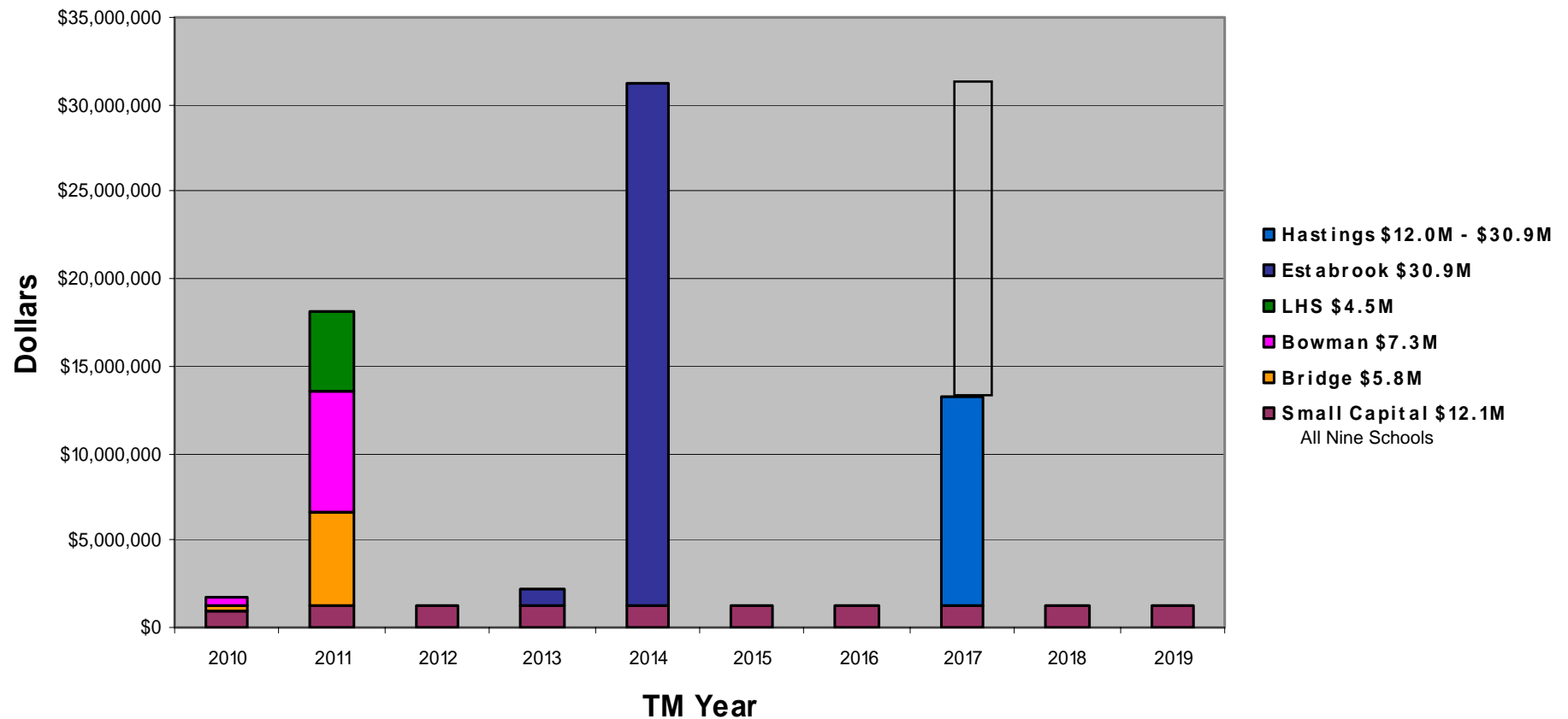
10 Year School Facility Capital Spending

Without MSBA Approval of LHS Project

Total School Facility Capital Spending \$72.6M - \$91.5M

2010 - 2019 TM

2010 Dollars



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TMMA Questions -

Q1. When might contract negotiations be concluded and are there adequate reserves for possible increases?

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TMMA Questions -

A1. The parties are working very hard to conclude collective bargaining by the end of FY 10. The School Committee will not be asking for additional revenue to fund new contracts.

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TMMA Questions -

Q2. With the ARRA money being applied to certain line items in FYs 2010 and 2011, how will those costs be funded in FY 2012?

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TMMA Questions -

A2. In FY 10 and 11, the ARRA funds will be used to offset the reduction in State special education circuit breaker reimbursements (\$409,045), fund new professional development initiatives (\$300,000), and partially offset other special education costs (\$109,045).

In FY 12, we expect to begin using the Avalon Bay Trust Fund at \$250,000 per year for three years. The difference between the ARRA funds and Avalon funds will need to be closed by reductions or new revenue. By the end of FY 11, we expect the fund will have a \$750,000 balance due to more than 111 students, as originally projected.

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TMMA Questions -

Q3. What is the projected savings in SPED transportation costs for FY 2011 and are there other cost-effective programs being implemented?

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TMMA Questions -

A3. The FY 11 projected savings in Special Education Transportation is \$408,978, due to regionalizing transportation services with other towns.

The Department of Public Facilities has an on-going effort to further reduce school utility and energy costs (e.g., central administration building, new high efficiency boiler at \$14,600; and Fiske School, controls and well water balancing at \$32,500.)