

**FY17  
 BUDGET STATUS  
 Second Quarter Report**

The status of all Salary and Ordinary Maintenance accounts as of December 31, 2016 is shown on Annex B. Presented for each account is the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year, the amount expended and committed as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, and the projected balance at the closing on June 30, 2017. Salary and Ordinary Maintenance Account totals are:

<u>Budget Title</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Expended 12/31/16</u>	<u>Projected Balance 06/30/17</u>
Salaries	\$208,495,372	\$80,681,545	-\$21,161
Ordinary Maintenance	\$114,470,432	\$72,079,394	-\$634,450
City - Kindergarten IA			\$280,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$322,965,803</b>	<b>\$152,760,938</b>	<b>-\$375,560</b>

At this point in the fiscal year, a total of \$152,760,938 (47%) has been expended or committed. A description of the projected balances is as follows:

**Budget Impacts:**

**Instructional Assistants (-\$752,769):** Due to the elimination of the Quality Kindergarten, the general fund was re-allocated to include funding for 21 full-time equivalent. Replacement positions, salaries and contractual payments are included in this projected balances. The ending balance is based on the Superintendent’s on-going work with the City Manager to mitigate this grant loss.

**Special Education Tuition (-\$596,786):** The tuition account reflects updated estimated tuition payments through the end of this year based on student fiscal responsibility and approved tuition rate increases for residential placements. This account also represents the processing of several necessary prior year payments, as well as new student placements for the current fiscal year.

**Transportation (-\$156,091):** Due to the current condition of the district’s fleet, the district needed to add one special education route using third party services. These additional routes are anticipated through the end of the school year. This account also represents an increase for the vehicles utilized for the special education Transitions program. The School Committee authorized the Administration to enter into lease agreements for special education vehicles to reflect the need to expedite the renewal of the existing fleet. The district is developing contracts for the lease of 10 buses during later this fiscal year. This account also represents the addition of two mid-day routes through the end of the school year.

**Workers Compensation (-\$391,353):** The current deficit is based on actual expenditures, as well as projections through the end of the year. The weekly salary cost have been consistently higher and include approximately thirty-five staff collecting weekly benefits. Also, several settlements have been processed during this fiscal year.

**Personal Services (-\$49,478):** The special education department has continued with the restructure of specialized services for our special education students in order to increase internal capacity. During the summer, the district eliminated the use of third party vendors to provide better instructional support to our students. These funds (\$400,000) have been reallocated to both instructional technology, as well as salary accounts. However, this account includes an increase to the district’s legal consultation (-\$70,000) and translation service line items (-\$250,000), security guard contracted rates (-\$30,000) and nursing services contract rates, as well as an increase with necessary student services (-\$100,000).

**Accounts with Projected Balances to Offset Deficit Accounts:**

**Instructional Materials (\$588,301):** The balance in this account is for the charter school assessment increase typically utilized to address a reduction of the budget at the time the City does the tax recap process. The city did not reduce the WPS budget this year in order to partially cover the cost of the district’s Instructional Assistants due to the elimination of the Quality Kindergarten grant. Due to the current projected year ending balance, the amount also reflects the use of additional instructional material per pupil allocation of \$10 per student that is frozen to start the year.

**Educational Support (\$401,653):** The projected balance of this account is due to the reallocation of several ESL tutor positions. During the summer, several of these positions have been reallocated to teacher positions. There is also several vacant ESL positions and the projection includes replacement positions through the remainder of the year.

**Utilities (\$89,421):** Due to the addition of several solar projects and the summer conditions, electricity usage through September was much lower than anticipated. This amount also reflects the increased in delivery rates effective October 1<sup>st</sup> approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. The supply rates remain under contract through the end of February 2017.

The Administration recommends the following transfer of funds at this time.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>To Account</u>	<u>Account Title</u>
\$300,000	500-91119	Custodial Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime
\$50,000	540-91117	Transportation Salaries	540-97201	Transportation Overtime
\$308,000	500-92204	Instructional Materials	500-91115	Instructional Assistant Salaries