

Arlington Public Schools Launches Dashboard

New "ClearGov" Platform Brings Clarity to School Finances, Student Achievement and More

Arlington, MA (August 31, 2017) - Arlington Public Schools announced today that it has partnered with ClearGov, a leading municipal transparency and benchmarking platform, to launch a unique infographic-based fiscal dashboard. The new tool provides taxpayers an easy-to-understand, visual breakdown of the district's finances, as well as insights into the student demographics, staffing, test performance, state aid and much more.

The new site also informs visitors as to how the district compares to similar school districts. Visitors can select from different "peer groups" to compare the district's performance against different sets of similar districts.

Arlington Public Schools is part of a growing movement in the Massachusetts school systems that are taking transparency to a new level on the ClearGov Insights™ platform. Residents can explore Arlington's new ClearGov site by visiting the district's website and clicking the "Dashboard" banner.

"Superintendent Kathleen Bodie stated, "I am pleased the district is able to make the information that we share with the state easily available and understandable to all our residents and taxpayers. I also appreciate the support of the School Committee in making this increased transparency a priority for the district."

ClearGov sources publicly available financial data on school districts from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create easy-to-understand transparency websites for hundreds of school districts across Massachusetts, which are made available to the public for free. School districts can provide context through commentary on the figures.

"The Arlington Public Schools administration team was quick to recognize the impact that this transparency project could have," said Chris Bullock, CEO of ClearGov. "We hope to assist them in leveraging data to improve efficiencies within the district and further strengthen communication with residents."

Visit Arlington Public Schools ClearGov site:

<http://www.cleargov.com/massachusetts/school/arlington/2016>

Visit Arlington Public Schools Website:

<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/>

About ClearGov

ClearGov helps local governments and schools communicate and operate more effectively and efficiently through a unique fiscal clarity and insights platform. These municipalities leverage ClearGov to more clearly communicate their finances, student performance, and demographic data in an effort to build citizen trust and participation through transparency. ClearGov also provides valuable municipal

benchmarking intelligence to help government and district leaders quickly compare their finances against similar communities to make more informed, data-driven policy and budgetary decisions.

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