

Board of Trustees Meeting
June 28, 2011

- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM
 - b. Roll Call: Board Members in attendance included Travis Gery (TG), Bonita Harmon (BH), Mary Steffey (MS), Jim Stoltz (JS), and Board Solicitor - Lawrence Frangiosa (LF)
- II. Old Business
 - a. May 2011 Board Meeting Minutes (corrections presented by TG) *corrections made and available in May Board Meeting Minutes v3*
 - b. May 2011 Board Meeting Minutes Motion to Approve (with amendments)
 - i. Motion to approve by MS
 - ii. Second to motion by JS-
 - iii. Vote carried – unanimously – approved
- III. New Business & Report to The Board
 - a. Enrollment Report (presented by Sharon Williams)
 - i. 6235 students as of EOY enrollment
 - ii. 28% increase over 09-10 SY
 - iii. Enrollment projections for coming school year 11-12 will be included in next month's enrollment report
 - iv. 4493 students are committed to re-enrolling – this is above projections
 - v. 460 newly approved students for the 11-12 SY as of today's date
 - b. Retention Report (presented by Sharon Williams)
 - i. 2226 withdrawals this year in total
 - ii. 72% retention rate for the 10-11 SY
 - iii. Projected continued increase in this rate moving forward
 - iv. Discussion: specifics of withdraw reasons, and student characteristics which may affect retention or withdraw rates
 - c. Attendance Report (presented by Sharon Williams)
 - i. 90% overall attendance rate for this SY
 - ii. Increase of 1.8% over last SY
 - iii. High School Program noted significant increases particularly among 10th and 11th graders
 - d. Personnel Report (presented by Sharon Williams)
 - i. 62 total layoffs at EOY
 1. Positions eliminated
 2. Loss of grant funding
 - ii. 7 resignations
 - iii. 21 terminations based on performance
 - iv. 315 teachers returning for 11-12 SY
 - v. 2 current K12 openings for Academic Directors
 - vi. Approval of Personnel Report/Changes
 1. Motion to approve by BH
 2. Second to motion by JS
 3. Vote carried – unanimously – approved

- e. Finance Report (presented by Mary Markert)
 - i. Month end surplus for May \$420K
 - ii. Total surplus YTD \$1.6M
 - iii. Audit Reports Presented for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009 for review
 - 1. Discussion regarding K12 providing assistance or service for grant writing or research
 - a. Assistance and support are offered (review of proposals, etc.)
 - b. K12 send weekly updates on possible grants available
 - iv. Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 presented
 - 1. Discussion regarding additional Learning Centers and possible impact on 2011 fiscal budget
 - 2. Discussion regarding line items adjustments and possible budgetary impacts
 - 3. Enrollment drives expenditures (increase or decrease) based on per student ratios for specific line items
 - 4. Future review of non-teaching positions suggested (Agora vs. K12)
 - 5. Budget approval for fiscal year 2011
 - a. Motion to approve by JS
 - b. Second to motion by BH
 - c. Vote carried – unanimously – approved
 - v. Insurance for new Fiscal Year Presented
 - 1. Insurance policy runs from July 1 through June 30 each fiscal year
 - 2. Renewal is necessary at this time
 - 3. Insurance rate for renewal includes 7% increase in total cost of previous years premium
 - 4. Confirmation of D & O inclusion and coverage in current policy is needed, and may need to have amendments if not included
 - 5. Review of insurance documents as submitted
 - 6. Approval of Renewal Insurance
 - a. Motion to approve by MS
 - b. Second to motion by BH
 - c. Vote carried – unanimously – approved
 - 7. Confirm or secure adequate D & O insurance by month's end
 - a. Motion to approve by MS
 - b. Second to motion by BH
 - c. Vote carried – unanimously – approved
 - vi. Past Due Amounts being collected from districts with outstanding amounts
 - 1. Philadelphia SD funds have begun to be received
 - 2. Total Outstanding amounts for top 5 districts to be presented in next months report
- f. Academic Report (presented by Jane Swan, Amy Rupp, Sharon Williams, and Judy Deemer)
 - i. High School
 - 1. Significant gains in passing rate for 10-11 SY
 - 2. Passing rate of 82% and years end, increased from 73% in 09-10 SY
 - 3. Significant gains in overall HS GPA

4. Graduation occurred June 21, 2011
 5. Discussion regarding enrollment numbers in course offerings, and low percentage of enrollments in AP and Honors courses, of all HS students
 - a. 12680 Enrolled in Core Courses (94.54%)
 - b. 502 Enrolled in Comprehensive Courses (3.74%)
 - c. 194 Enrolled in Honors Courses (1.45%)
 - d. 37 Enrolled in AP Courses (.28%)
- ii. Middle School
1. Highlighted overall passing rates for all core areas over 80%
 - a. Math – 87%
 - b. English – 81%
 - c. History – 86%
 - d. Science – 91%
 2. Teacher goals highlighted
 - a. 82% of MS teachers met passing rate goal
 - b. 68% of MS teachers met attendance goal
 - c. 7% of MS teachers met retention rate goal
 3. Discussion regarding retention rates of teachers @ MS level – low rates may necessitate changes in goal placement and adjustments to this metric
- iii. Elementary School – Report tabled until July Meeting
- iv. Special Education
1. Implementation of the Compass Pilot Program for grades 3-6
 2. Overall High School Team Passing Rate- 85%
 3. Highest HS Passing Rate – 96%
 4. Greatest increase in HS Passing Rate- 22%-85.7%
 5. 96.6% Compliance for Child Count
 6. 100% Participation in testing all PASA students
 7. 90% Retention Rate for grades K-2.
- g. Community & Parent Updates
- i. 5 EOY xPos were offered, all events well attended
 - ii. Plans for support for summer events statewide are currently underway
 - iii. Upcoming Events to include: Online xPos, Face to Face Enrollment and Information sessions, Meet and Greet Socials
- h. Policy Recommendations/Action Items
- i. Teacher Handbook
 1. Received feedback from two K12 lawyers
 2. May need to create new additions based on new positions, etc.
 3. K12 has approved the Handbook in submitted form
 4. Handbook will need to include a Non-Disclosure Act/Agreement
 - ii. Computer Policy
 1. Draft of Policy sent to board previously
 2. Discussion concerning what constitutes damage to computer
 3. Definition needed regarding criteria/guidelines to determine replacement
 4. Matter tabled – pending further research and information

IV. Public Comment

- a. Kim Jennings – regarding enrollment issues and paperwork process issues, need for improvements
- b. Review of policy for Public Comments and how to contact Agora Cyber Charter School Board for follow-up or complaint

V. Executive Session (NONE)

VI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn by MS
- b. Accepted – meeting adjourned at 8:07PM
- c. Next meeting to be held on July 26, 2011 @ 6:30pm at Agora Cyber Charter School Administrative Office

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Board Report

June 28, 2011



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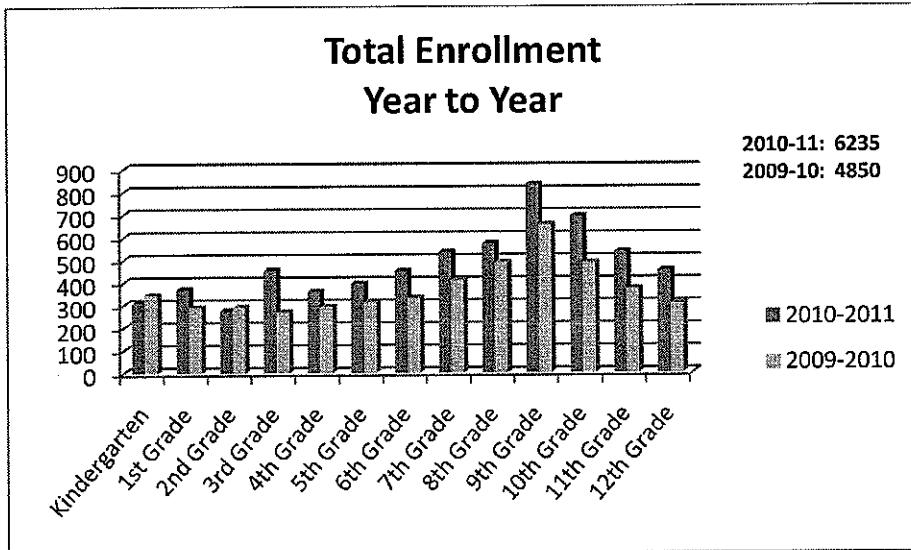
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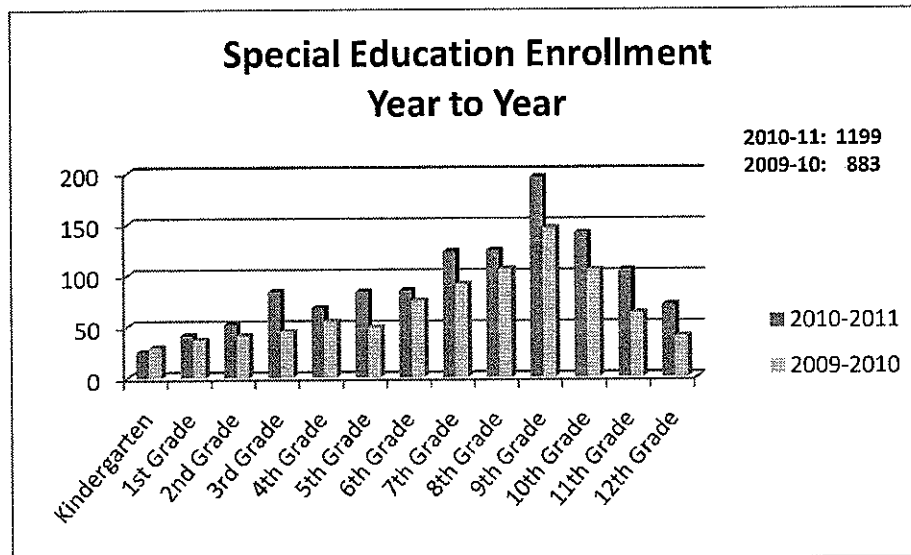
Enrollment

We finished the year with 6235 students enrolled. Our enrollment on the first day of school was 5245 and it was 6443 on October 4th. Our enrollment is also 28.6% higher than it was at the end of school year 09-10. 4593 current K-11 students have registered for next year and 460 new students are enrolled to begin September 6th.

Yearly Comparison



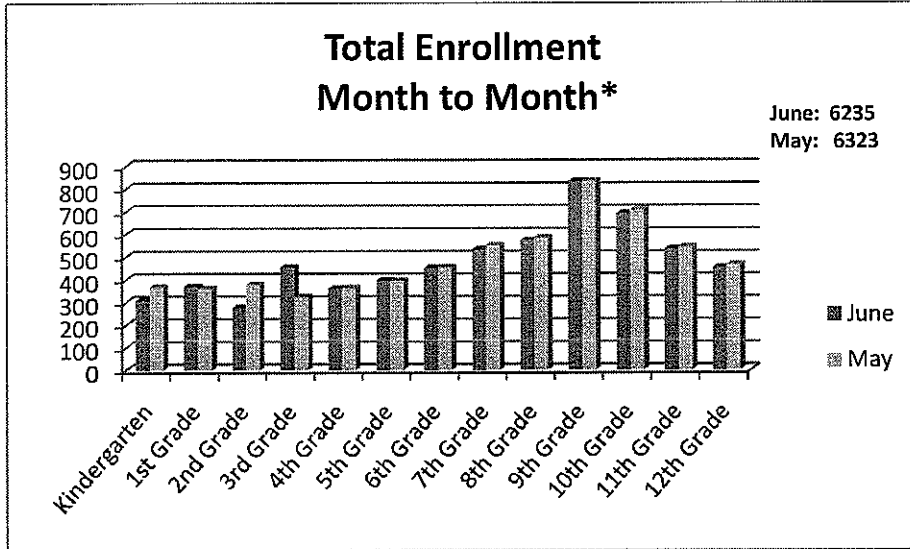
Percent Change Year to Year		
General Ed	Special Ed	Total
26.9%	35.8%	28.6%



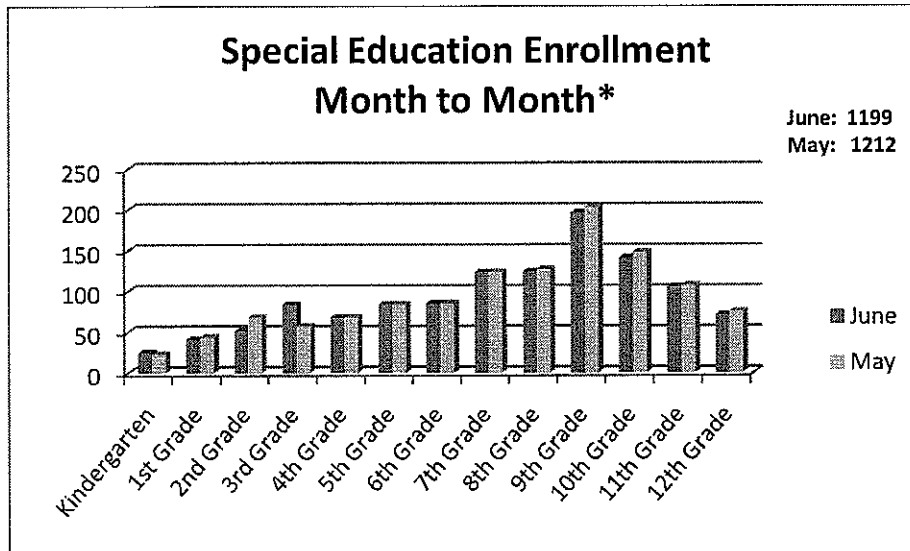
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Monthly Comparison



Percent Change Month to Month		
General Ed	Special Ed	Total
-1.5%	-1.1%	-1.4%

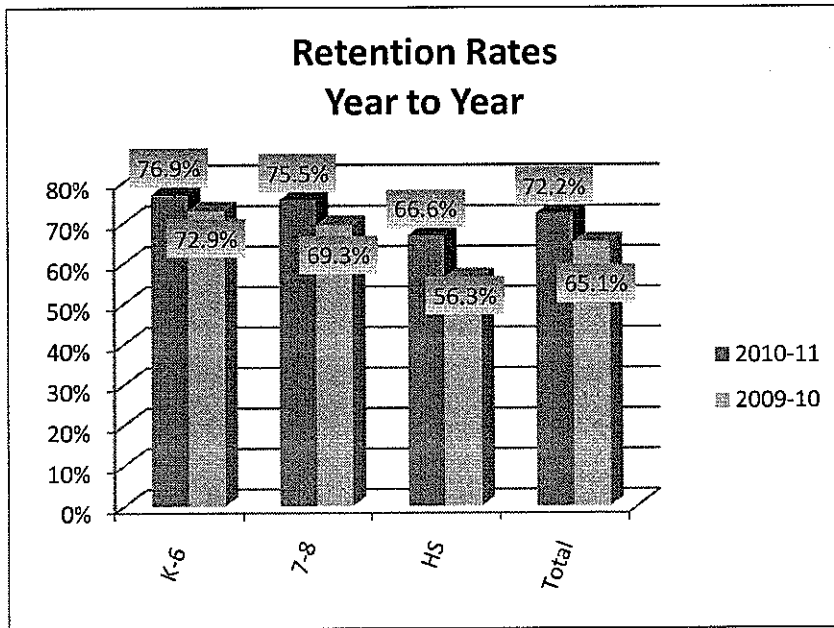


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Retention Rates

We retained 72.2% of our students this school year. This is an increase over last year's retention rate by 7.1%, with High School showing an increase of 10.3%.

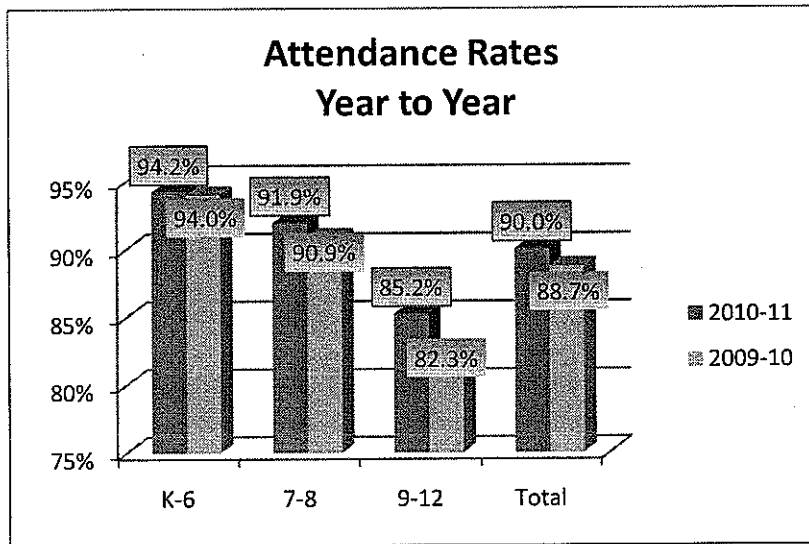


Percent Change Year to Year this Month	
K-6	4.0%
7-8	6.2%
HS	10.3%
Total	7.1%

Percent Change Year to Year as of Last Month	
K-6	4.1%
7-8	6.7%
HS	9.8%
Total	7.0%

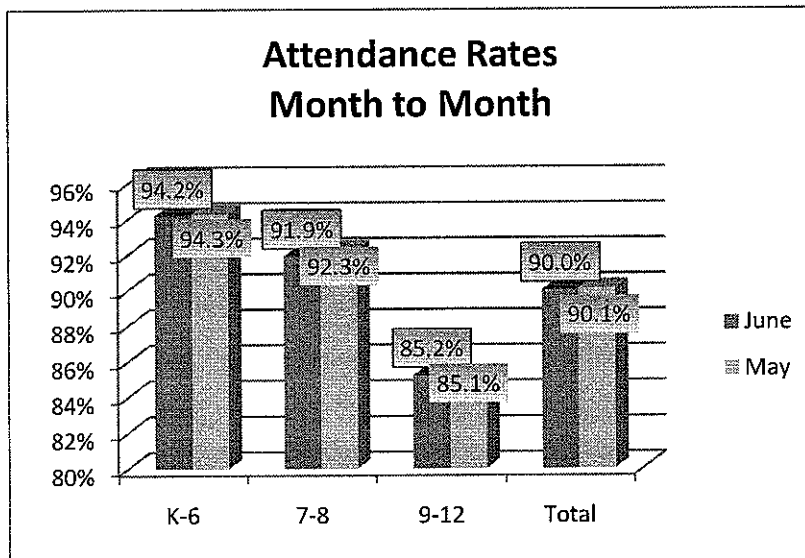
Attendance

We finished with a 90% attendance rate, increasing by 1.3% over last year. High school increased by 2.9%, with greater rates at 10th and 11th grades than in 9th and 12th grades.



Percent Change Year to Year	
K-6	0.2%
7-8	1.0%
9-12	2.9%
Total	1.3%

HS Attendance 2010-11	
9	84.7%
10	86.5%
11	85%
12	84.6%



Percent Change Month to Month	
K-6	-0.1%
7-8	-0.4%
9-12	0.1%
Total	-0.1%

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Personnel

The following changes to staff occurred since the last board meeting: (Personnel Report Attached)

Hired - 0:

Resignations- 2:

- Special Education Teaching Assistant (1)
- Special Education LTS (1)

Transfers- 0:

Total Agora Employees	
June 2011	388

Employee Type	
Teachers	284
Advisors/Guidance	26
Support Staff	78

Teacher Breakdown	
Elementary	80
Middle School	41
High School	115
Special Education	48

Finance

Item	Amount (Current Actuals)
Revenue	63.1M
Expenditures	61.5M
Net Fund Balance/Deficit	1.6M

Financial Updates

May Month ended with \$420k surplus bringing our YTD actual surplus to \$1.6M.

- Slower than expected spending in IDEA ARRA may push additional expenses into the 2011-2012 school year. All ARRA funds must be expensed by the Sept 30th, 2011 end date of the program.
- Forecast was updated to include increased enrollment from less than forecasted withdrawals, forecasting a year end surplus of \$2.1M.
- Audit Update: Audits for fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009 have been completed and published. Audit fieldwork for fiscal year 2010 is expected to begin after July 4th, 2011.

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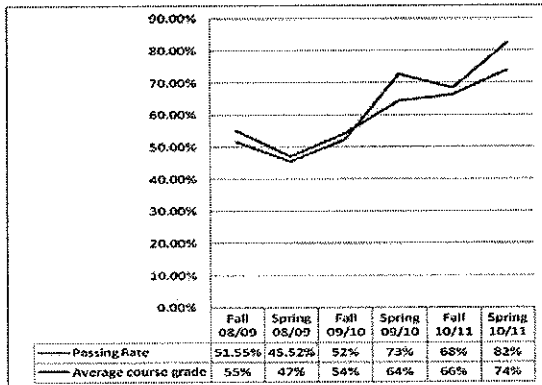
Academics

High School Summary

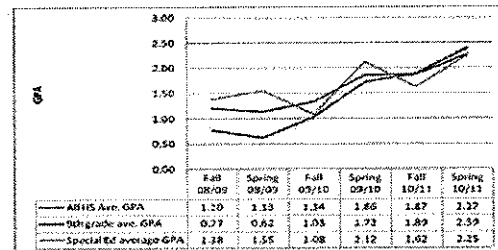
Summary of Courses

Type of Course	# Enrollments	% of total
Core	12680	94.54%
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High School Passing Rates Comparison



High School Highlights



Middle School Summary

Overall Course Passing Rates:

- Math – 87%
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- History – 86%
- Science – 91%

Teachers Reaching Goals:

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Elementary School Summary

Aimsweb Growth

Grade Level	Math Growth Score	Reading Growth Score
K	9 months	7 months
1	6 months	1.1 years
2	3 months	1.3 years

Scantron Performance Overall Growth

Grades 3-6: Math 53% - Reading 46%

Retention Rates: Grades K-2 72%; Grades 3-6 73%

Special Education Updates

- Implementation of the Compass Pilot Program for grades 3-6
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- 96.6% Compliance for Child Count
- 100% Participation in testing all PASA students
- 90% Retention Rate for grades K-2

Clubs and Activities/ Community Outreach

- End of year Events Completed
- Support over Summer events state wide underway

Upcoming Events

- Online Xpos
- Face to face Information Sessions
- Meet and Greet Socials
- Online information sessions
- Face to face enrollment sessions

Policy Consideration

- Computer policy
- Teacher handbook

Renewal Tasks

- None at this time

Appendix 1: Enrollment Details

	2010-2011			2009-2010			Percent Change		
	General Ed	Special Ed	Total	General Ed	Special Ed	Total	General Ed	Special Ed	Total
Kindergarten	285	25	310	316	30	346	-9.8%	-16.7%	-10.4%
1st Grade	328	41	369	253	37	290	29.6%	10.8%	27.2%
2nd Grade	224	52	276	250	41	291	-10.4%	26.8%	-5.2%
3rd Grade	370	84	454	224	45	269	65.2%	86.7%	68.8%
4th Grade	292	68	360	238	55	293	22.7%	23.6%	22.9%
5th Grade	311	84	395	264	49	313	17.8%	71.4%	26.2%
6th Grade	366	85	451	257	75	332	42.4%	13.3%	35.8%
7th Grade	411	123	534	319	91	410	28.8%	35.2%	30.2%
8th Grade	449	124	573	382	106	488	17.5%	17.0%	17.4%
9th Grade	637	196	833	509	146	655	25.1%	34.2%	27.2%
10th Grade	551	141	692	382	105	487	44.2%	34.3%	42.1%
11th Grade	430	105	535	307	63	370	40.1%	66.7%	44.6%
12th Grade	382	71	453	266	40	306	43.6%	77.5%	48.0%
Grand Total	5036	1199	6235	3967	883	4850	26.9%	35.8%	28.6%

	June			May			Percent Change		
	General Ed	Special Ed	Total	General Ed	Special Ed	Total	General Ed	Special Ed	Total
Kindergarten	285	25	310	343	23	366	-16.9%	8.7%	15.3%
1st Grade	328	41	369	315	44	359	4.1%	-6.8%	2.8%
2nd Grade	224	52	276	309	68	377	-27.5%	-23.5%	26.8%
3rd Grade	370	84	454	266	57	323	39.1%	47.4%	40.6%
4th Grade	292	68	360	295	68	363	-1.0%	0.0%	-0.8%
5th Grade	311	84	395	311	84	395	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
6th Grade	366	85	451	369	85	454	-0.8%	0.0%	-0.7%
7th Grade	411	123	534	428	123	551	-4.0%	0.0%	-3.1%
8th Grade	449	124	573	457	127	584	-1.8%	-2.4%	-1.9%
9th Grade	637	196	833	632	203	835	0.8%	-3.4%	-0.2%
10th Grade	551	141	692	560	148	708	-1.6%	-4.7%	-2.3%
11th Grade	430	105	535	436	107	543	-1.4%	-1.9%	-1.5%
12th Grade	382	71	453	390	75	465	-2.1%	-5.3%	-2.6%
Grand Total	5036	1199	6235	5111	1212	6323	-1.5%	-1.1%	-1.4%

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Appendix 2: Retention Details

	2010-11			2009-10			percent change
	total enrolled	6-14 enrolled	2010-11	total enrolled	6-14 enrolled	2009-10	
Kindergarten	460	310	67.4%	472	346	73.3%	-5.9%
1st Grade	466	369	79.2%	407	290	71.3%	7.9%
2nd Grade	387	276	71.3%	397	291	73.3%	-2.0%
3rd Grade	550	454	82.5%	381	269	70.6%	11.9%
4th Grade	464	360	77.6%	414	293	70.8%	6.8%
5th Grade	512	395	77.1%	408	313	76.7%	0.4%
6th Grade	563	451	80.1%	450	332	73.8%	6.3%
7th Grade	707	534	75.5%	595	410	68.9%	6.6%
8th Grade	760	573	75.4%	701	488	69.6%	5.8%
9th Grade	1232	833	67.6%	1128	655	58.1%	9.5%
10th Grade	1050	692	65.9%	864	487	56.4%	9.5%
11th Grade	822	535	65.1%	721	370	51.3%	13.8%
12th Grade	667	453	67.9%	516	306	59.3%	8.6%
K-6	3402	2615	76.9%	2929	2134	72.9%	4.0%
7-8	1467	1107	75.5%	1296	898	69.3%	6.2%
HS	3771	2513	66.6%	3229	1818	56.3%	10.3%
Total	8640	6235	72.2%	7454	4850	65.1%	7.1%

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