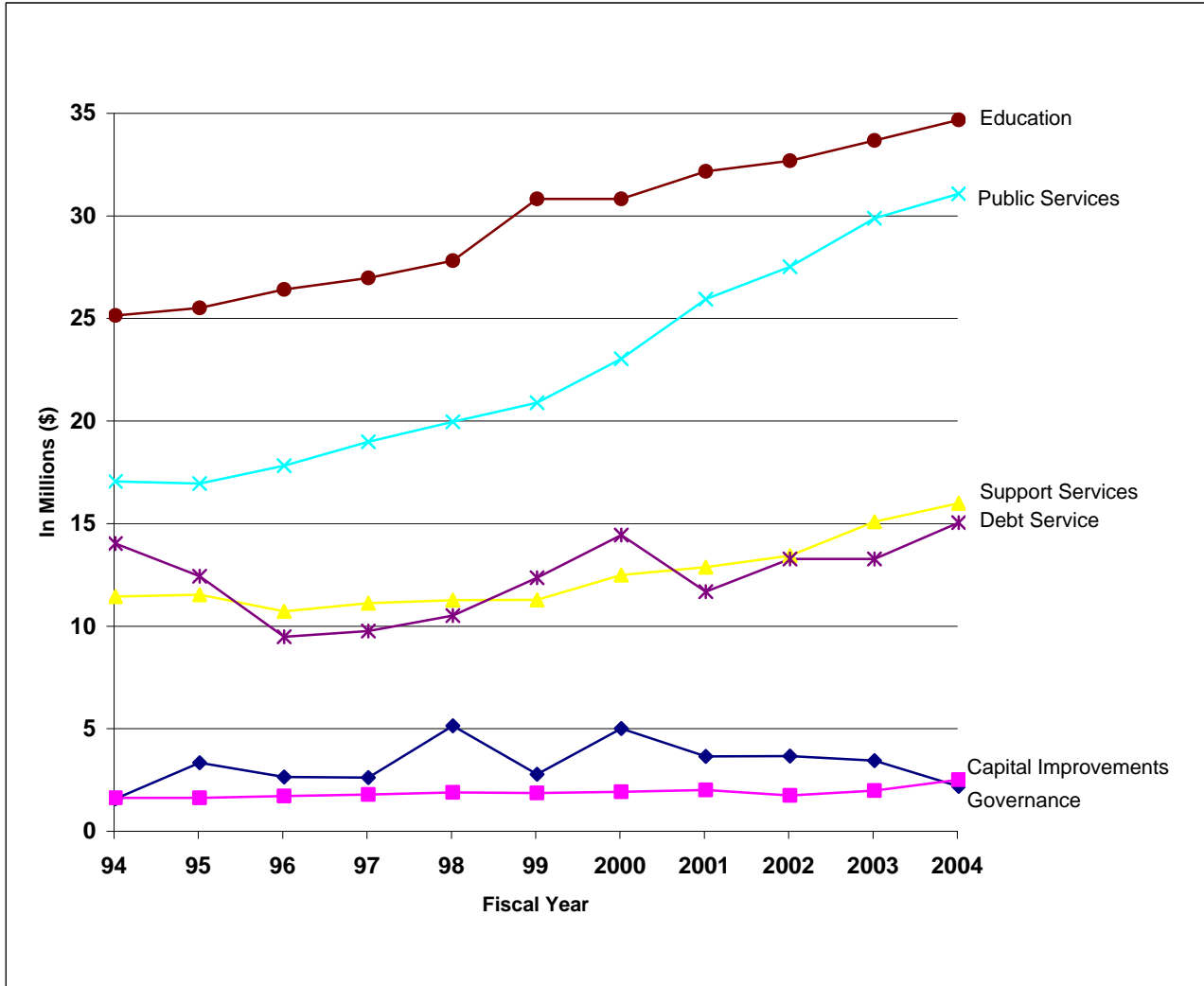


FY 2003-2004 Budget
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Cost Comparison By Service Category



Due to the continuing declines in the purchasing power of state funding for education, local effort has increased 38.2% since FY 1994. Public Services has increased 82.7% since FY 1995 due to the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan, increased Parks and Recreation Services, and the addition of the Enhanced 911 services in FY 1998. The increase between FY 2000 and FY 2002 is due to the appropriation of the Health and Social Services state grant and Air Quality grant in the operation budget. The increase between FY 2002 and FY 2003 is due to the first loan payment on cell expansion landfill in Solid Waste Disposal. Debt Service saw a steady decline between FY 1994 and FY 1996 as debt on older school projects was retired. Beginning in FY 1997 Debt Service reflects a steady increase due to the issuance of voter approved bonds related to the construction and remodeling of schools and expansion of the Noel Wien Library. FY 2001 reflects a decrease in debt service due to the pay off of the 1988 Refunding debt series. FY 2004 reflects a increase in debt service due to additional voter approved bonds for school construction. Support Service increases between FY 1997 and FY 2004 were mainly related to collective bargaining agreement changes for personnel and the addition of the vehicle equipment fleet fund in FY 2000. Governance has remained relatively unchanged for the past ten years.