Tips and Tricks

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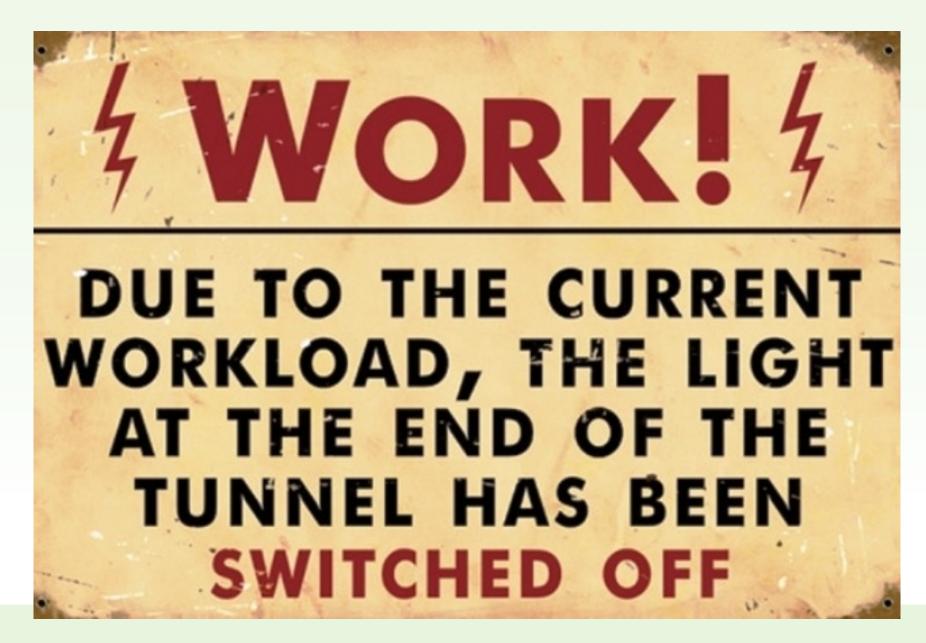
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Focus and Goal of Presentation

- This presentation is all about saving time
- Working more efficiently and effectively
- Most of us wear many hats and time is a precious commodity.
- Each year our workload gets heavier; requiring more and more time to get the job done.
- Every minute counts, every second counts.
 - Don't laugh; it all adds up.
- Over time, minutes add up to hours.
- None of us like working overtime.
- It is the old adage, work smarter instead of harder.
- You may know some of the items in this presentation but some people may not.

I think sometimes we all feel like this!

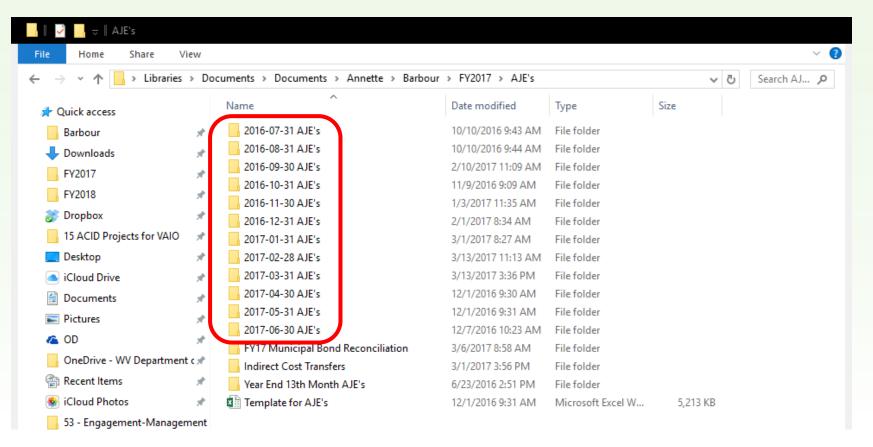




hell is all fire. Actually, it's all paperwork."

Date Format at Beginning of File Name

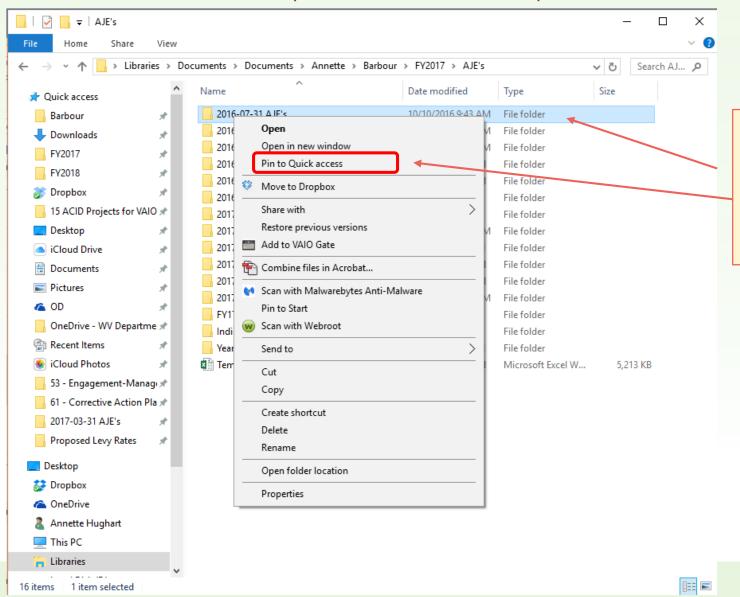
 To organize files and folders by date, use the date format at the beginning of the file name or folder as YYYY-MM-DD.



- This file format always keeps files and folders in date order.
- Be sure to use two digits for the month and day to ensure files stay in date order.

Windows Explorer Quick Access Folders

Add folders to Windows Explorer window for quick access. This saves steps and mouse clicks.



Right click on any folder that you want to add to the "Quick Access" that is on the left side. Then click on "Pin to Quick access".

Organization of File Folders

- If you want to start saving things and stop printing, the key is ORGANIZATION of folders.
- To organize file folders think of them as you would for 3-ring binders and dividers or vendor file folders.
- Organize by fiscal year.
- Always set-up folders in the same order with the same descriptions each fiscal year to make it easy to find things.
 - Most of your file folders for each year will be the same as previous years.
 - To save time, set-up your folders for the year and then save these folders in another location to be used as a template for future years.
 - With these folders set-up you can just copy the folder listing into each new fiscal year.
 - Just check your current fiscal year folders for a few folder changes that may need made.

Organization of File Folders (contd.)

- Set-up file folders with dates in the YYYY-MM-DD format at the beginning of the folder name. This will keep folders in date order.
- All of my documents are on my hard drive that I back up to an external drive and keep at home so it is not in the same place as my computer most of the time.
- All of my documents are on the OneDrive except the current year since the OneDrive is too slow to work from and can't handle the complexity of our Excel files.

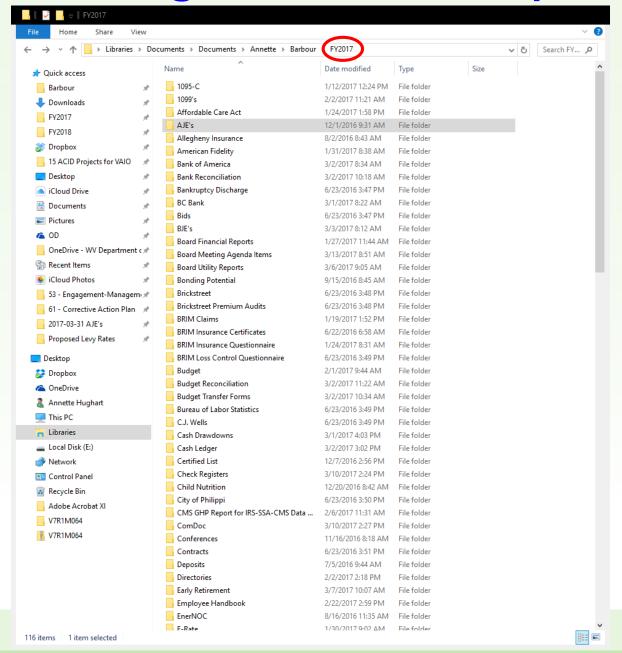
Organization of File Folders (contd.)

Most everything I save is under a fiscal year, however, there are some things that don't fit into a fiscal year category and saved under (just a partial list):

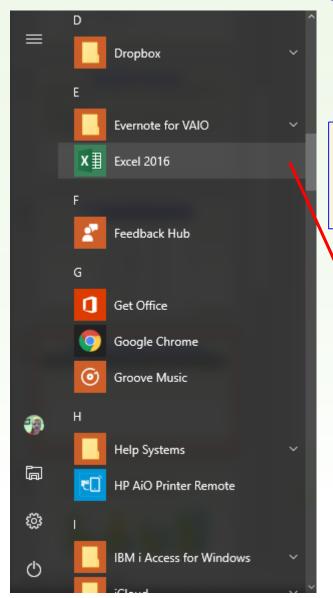
- Deeds
- GPS Coordinates for all WV schools
- Manuals
- Templates
- Letterhead
- Maps
- Vehicle Registration Cards

- Property
- School Bank Accounts
- School Floor Plans
- WV State Code Sections
- VPN Set-Up
 - Because, lol, you can't ever remember how to set it up again.
- WVEIS Manuals
- WVEIS Settings, etc.

File Folder Organization Example



Pin Programs to Task Bar for Easy Access



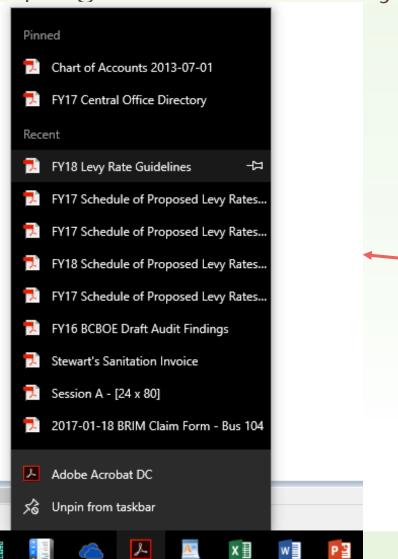
Left click on Windows icon in bottom left corner of screen. Find the program to pin to task bar.

Left click on program and hold then drag to task bar.

You can also rearrange the programs on the task bar by left clicking on program and holding then drag left or right.

Pin Files to Task Bar Programs

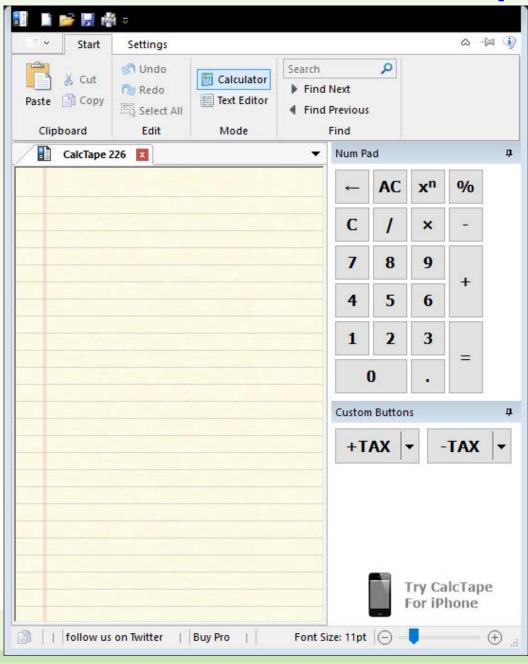
 When you have programs pinned to the task bar you can right click on the program to see recently viewed files.



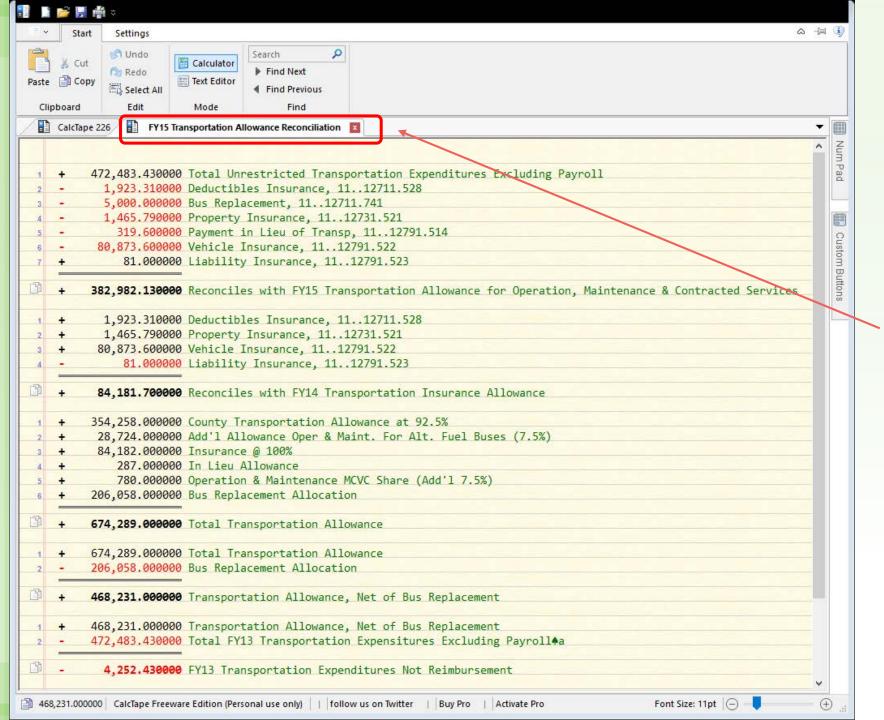
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To pin files to the program, look under "Recent" for the files recently used, then click on the thumb tack to the right. This will pin the file to the program.

CalcTape - Free Program



- A handy free program to use instead of an adding machine is CalcTape. I can't tell you the last time I used the adding machine on my desk.
- CalcTape can be used run a tape, can be printed and can even be saved. There is also the feature to add text descriptions, as well.
- It can be downloaded at <u>http://download.cnet.com/CalcTape/3000-20417_4-90456.html</u>



CalcTape Saved File with Text Descriptions

When you save the file, the file name becomes the tab name.

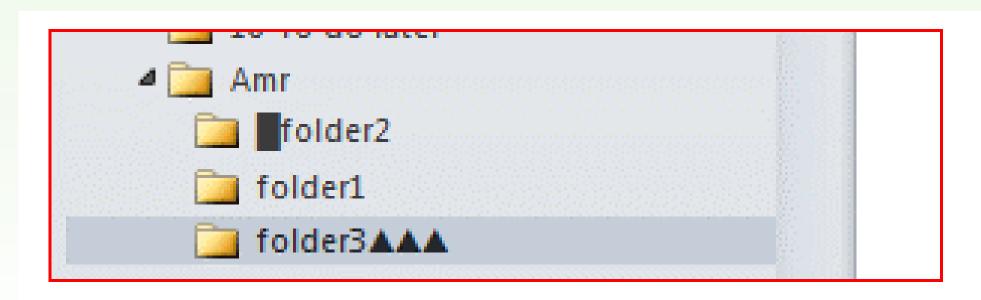
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Email Organization

- Organize emails by fiscal year.
- Always set-up folders within each fiscal year the same.
 - This will make it easier to find an email when the search feature returns too many possibilities or you aren't searching on the correct wording.

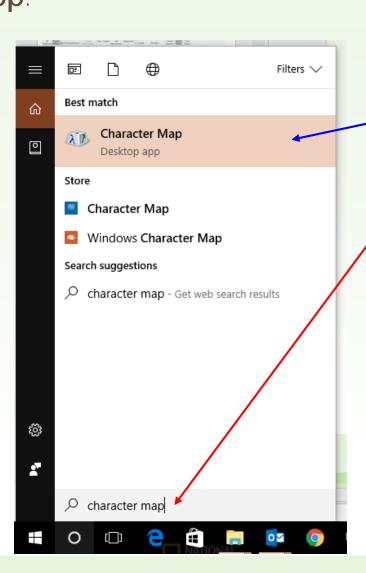
Quickly Spot Folders in Microsoft Outlook

 Microsoft Outlook still does not permit changing the color of a folder. A work around can be to use special characters in the built-in windows application "Character Map".



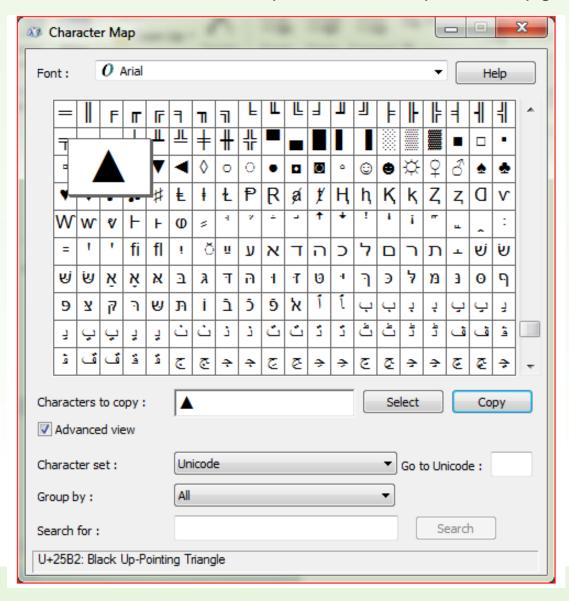
Quickly Spot Folders in Microsoft Outlook (contd.)

 In the Windows search box type, "Character Map" and choose "Character Map" Desktop app.



Quickly Spot Folders in Microsoft Outlook (contd.)

With the Character Map window open, copy the character that you want to use.



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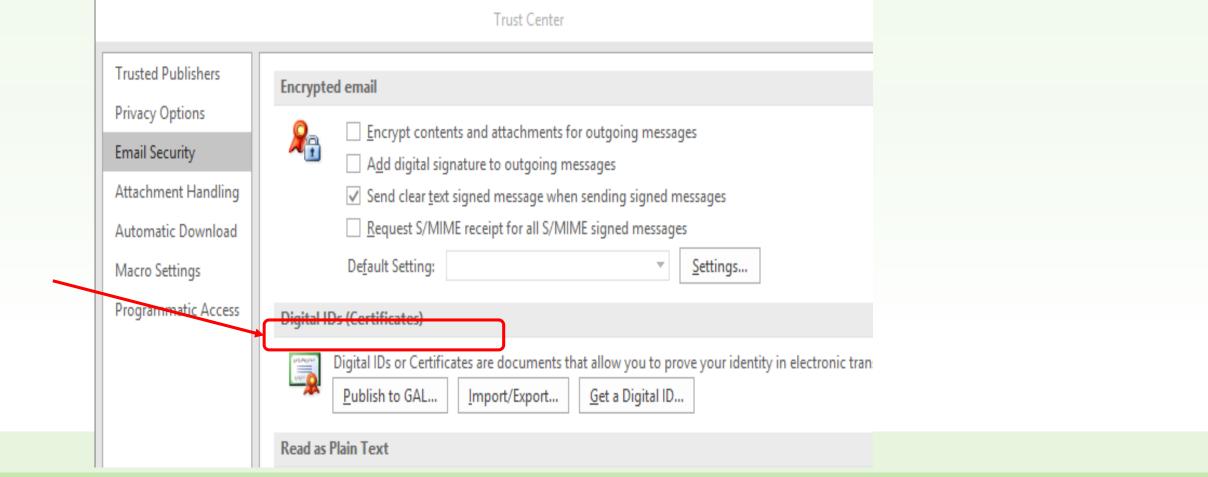
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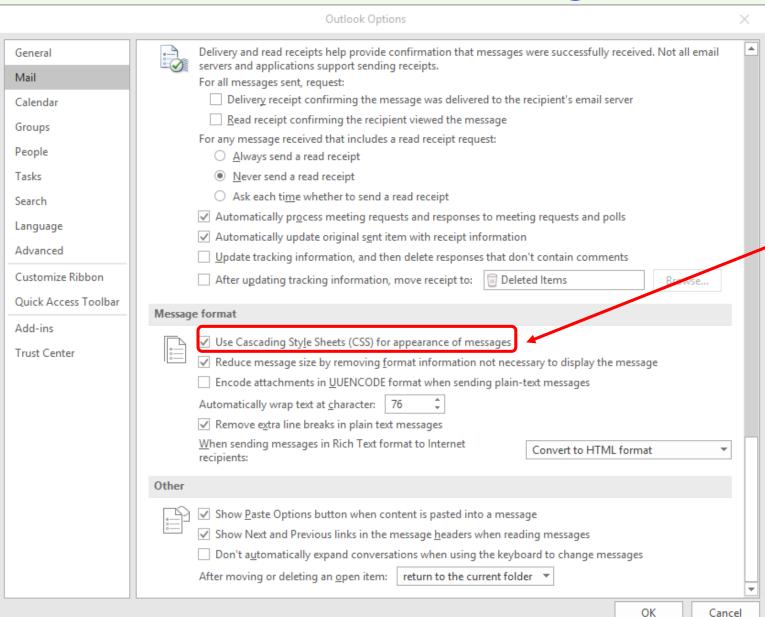
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Change File Type of Incoming Emails

- In Outlook, select "File", then "Options".
- Select "Trust Center" in the left pane.
- Select "Trust Center Settings", then "Email Security".
- In the "Read as Plain Text" section, deselect the box for "Read all standard mail in plain text".

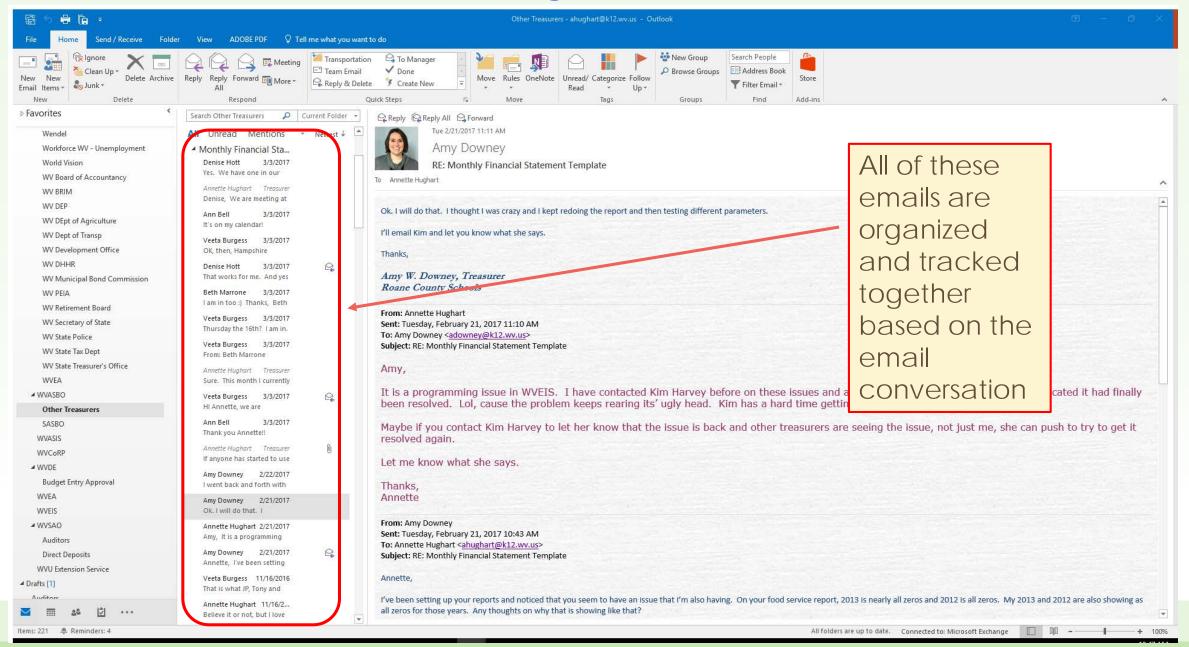


Cascading Emails

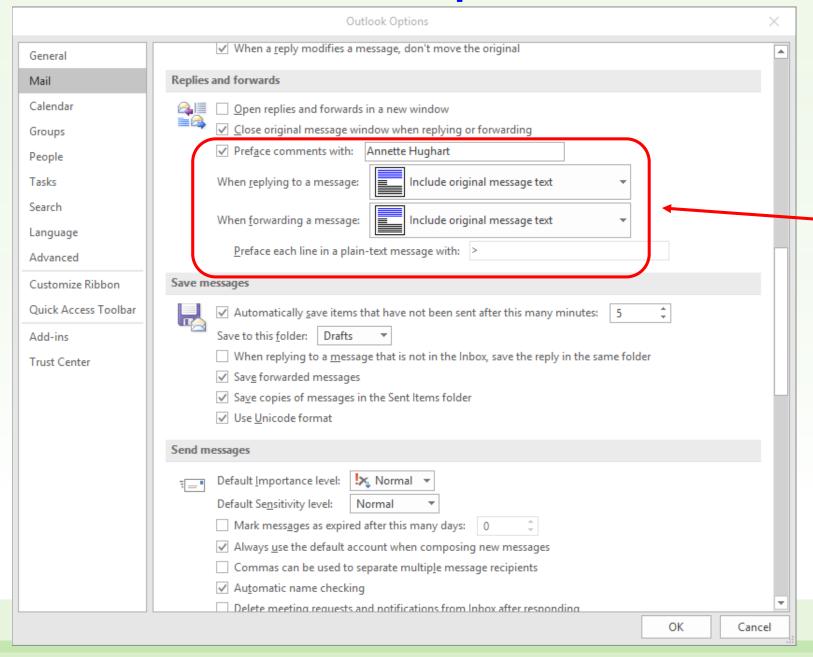


- Cascade emails to show all related emails in a string.
- In Outlook, go to File,
 then Mail, then under "Message format",
 check the "Use
 Cascading Style
 Sheets (CSS) for appearance of messages".

Cascading Email Example

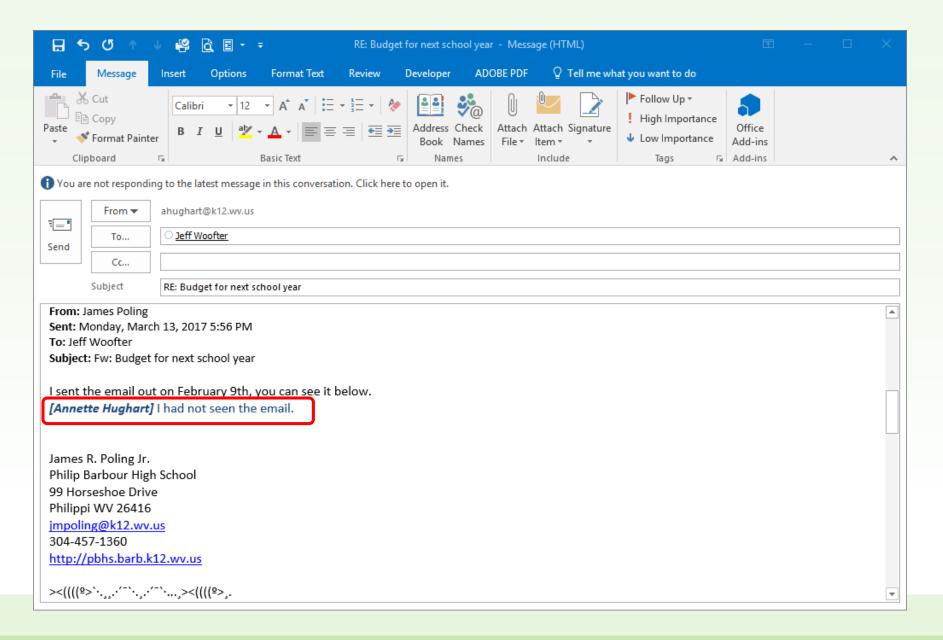


Preface Email Response Comments with Your Name



• In Outlook, go to File, then Mail, then under "Replies and forwards", check the "Preface comments with:" and type your name in the blank field.

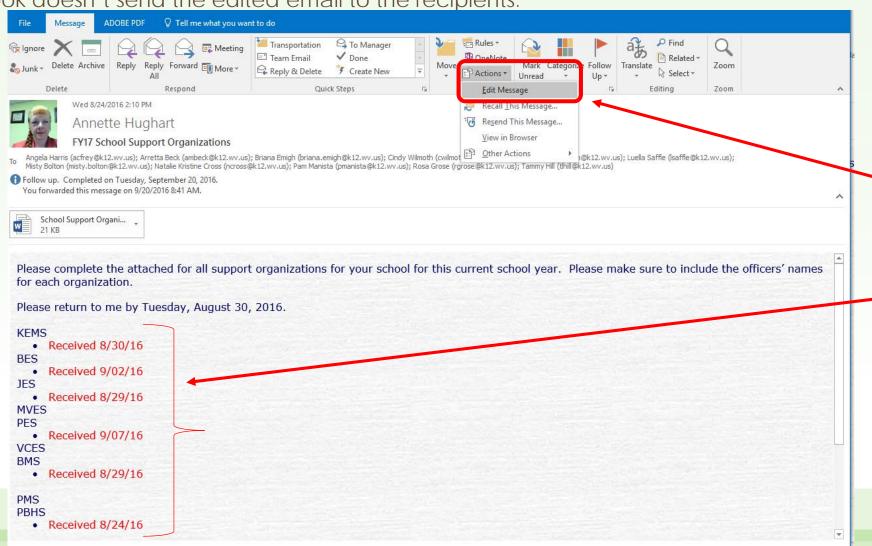
Example of Preface Email Response



How to Edit/Make Notes on an Email Already Sent

• When you need information/responses from many people it can be cumbersome in tracking responses to ensure information has been provided by everyone.

• Open the already sent email in Outlook then click on the dropdown for "Actions", select "Edit Message". Then type anywhere in the email. You can also edit the font on anything in the email. The edited email is only seen by you; Outlook doesn't send the edited email to the recipients.

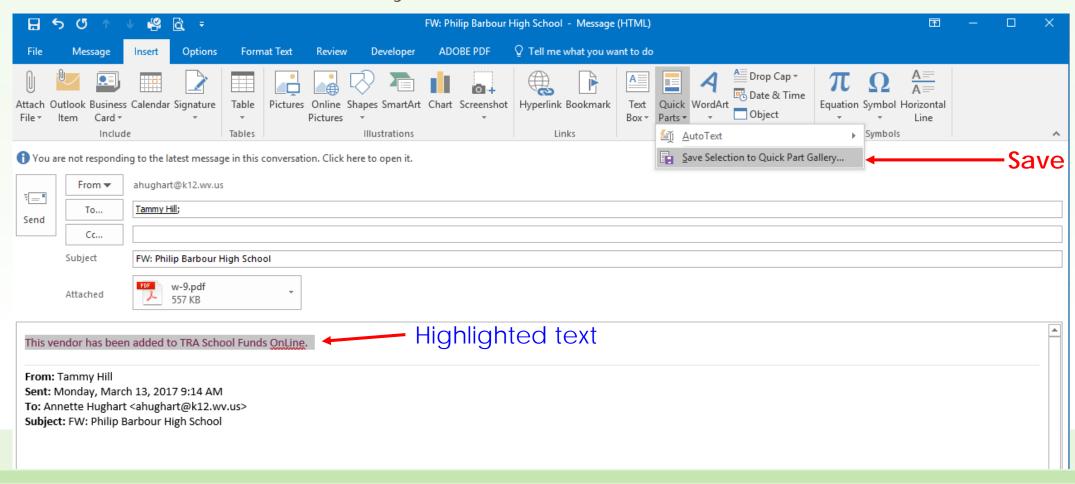


The red text is my edits to track responses

Editing emails is an easy way to document / track verbal responses from phone conversations as well.

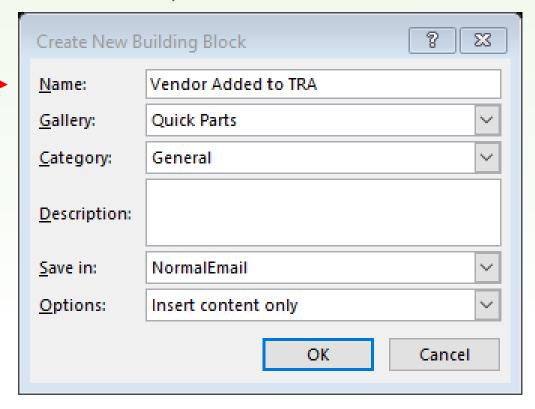
Outlook Quick Parts

- We often type the same or very similar responses when replying to emails.
- To save time, save these phrases to Quick Parts.
- Highlight the text that you want to add to Quick Parts, then click on Quick Parts, then Save Selection to Quick Part Gallery.



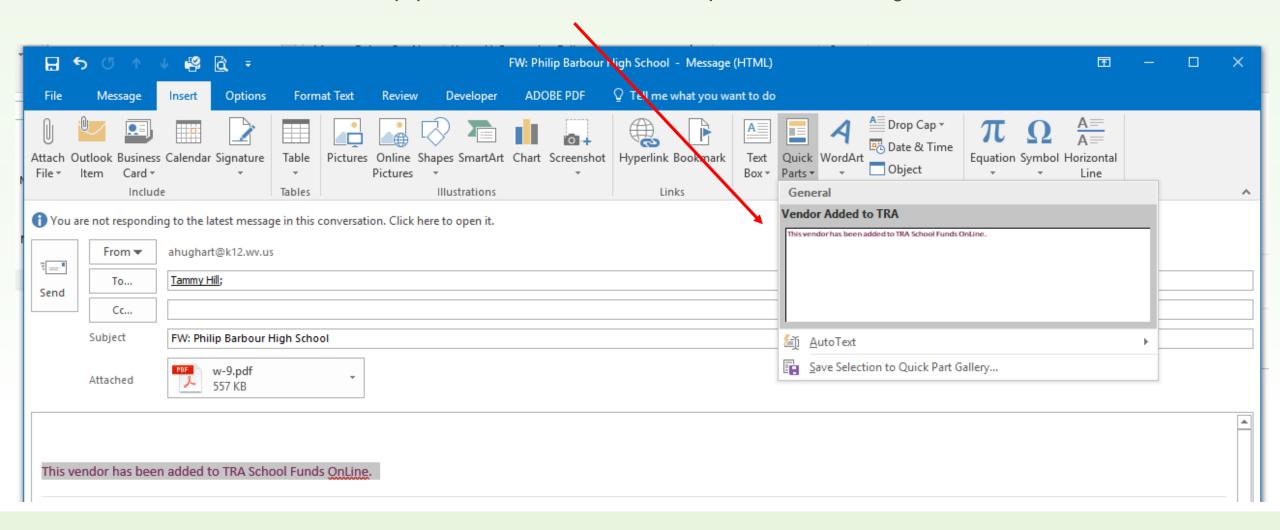
Outlook Quick Parts (contd.)

• This next screen comes up to save your phrase. In the top field "Name" give the phrase a description. Then click OK.



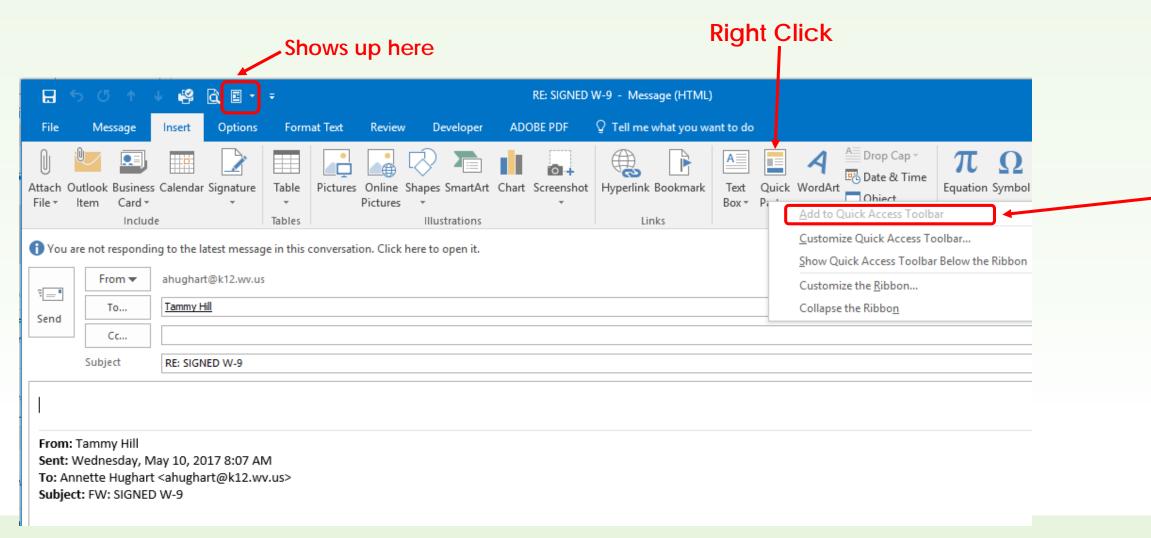
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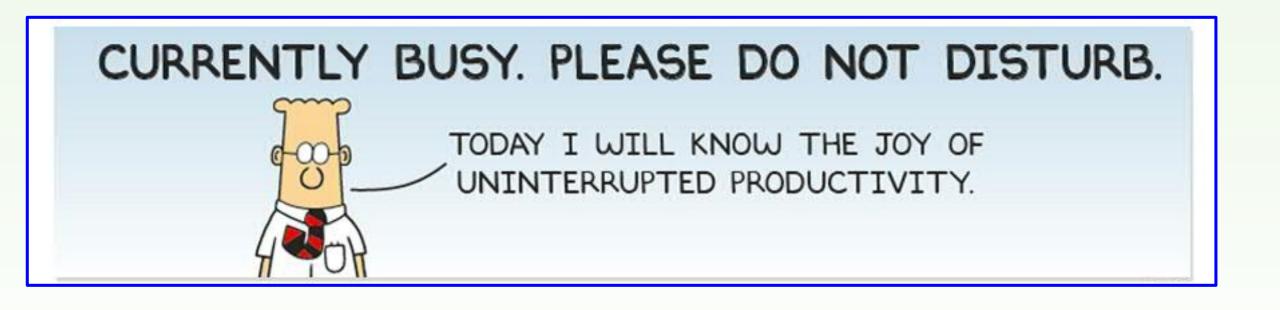
 To use a previously saved Quick Part, click On Quick Parts and a listing of saved Quick Parts appears, click on the phrase that you want to insert.



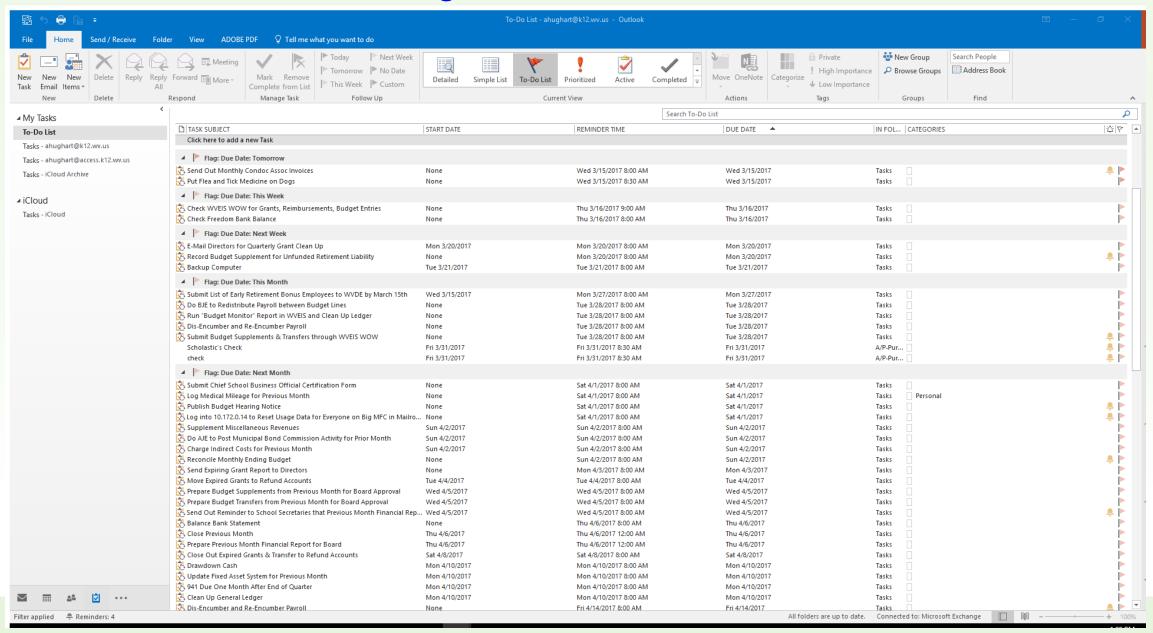
Outlook Quick Parts (contd.)

• Since getting to "Quick Parts" in the toolbar is cumbersome and too many steps, you can add "Quick Parts" to the Quick Access Tool Bar that is at the very top of emails. To add, right click on "Quick Parts" and choose "Add to Quick Access Tool Bar"



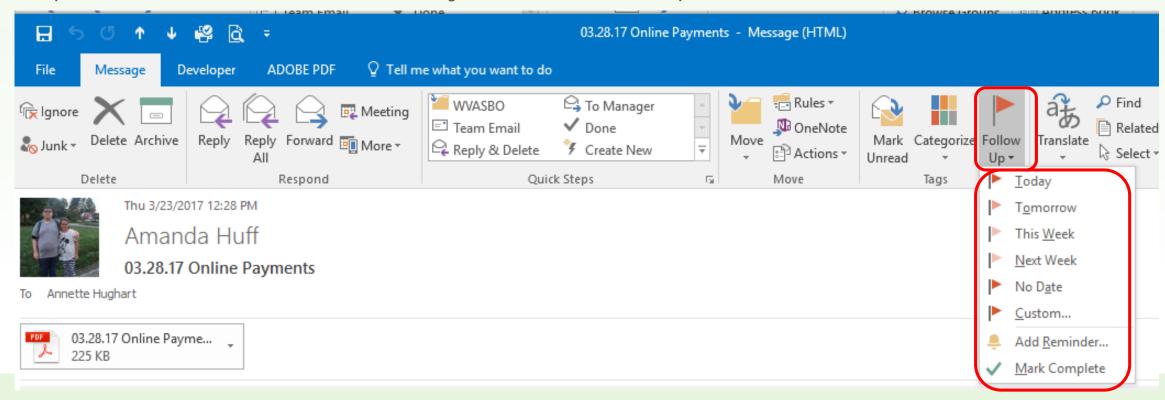


My Tasks Screenshot

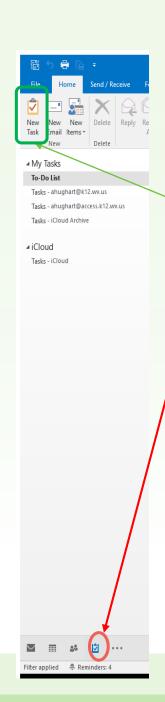


Outlook Tasks

- Use Outlook tasks to keep track of deadlines and reoccurring tasks.
- You can create the task or you can flag an email that will create the task with a specified date.
- You can also delegate a task to someone else and Outlook will send the task to the individual and add the task to their own tasks.
- To make a task directly from a received email, click on Follow Up, then choose from the dropdown. The Custom will allow you to choose a specific date and time.

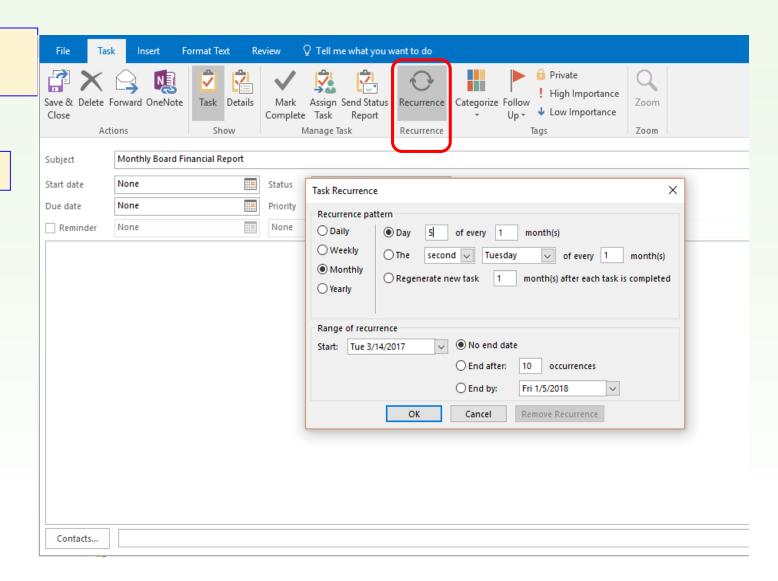


Reoccurring Task



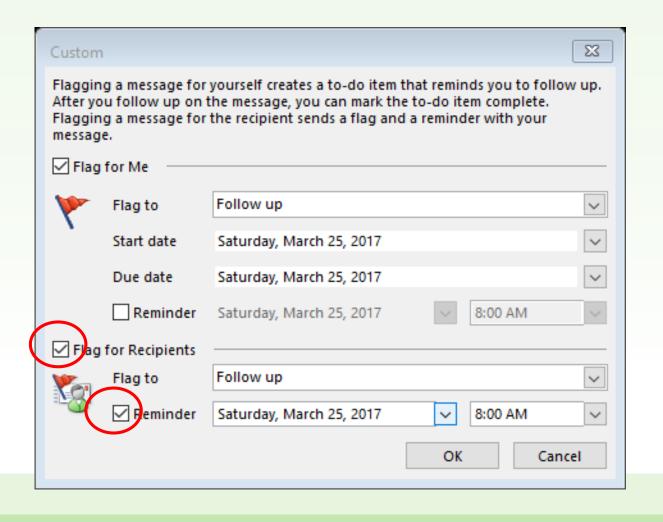
Click on **Tasks** icon at bottom

Click on "New Task"



Assign a Task to Someone Else

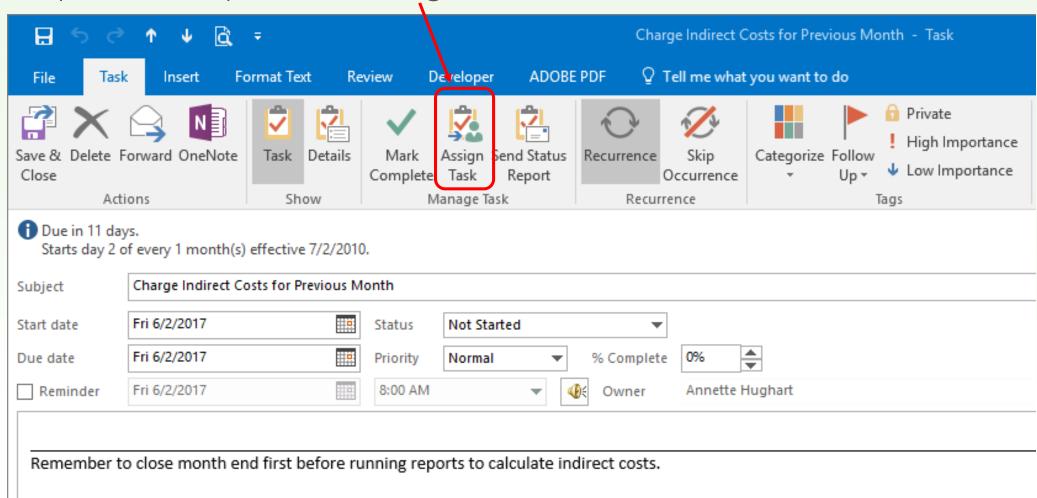
You can delegate or assign a task to someone else by forwarding (or replying) to an email to
the individual and under the Follow-Up tab choose Custom, then click the box for Flag for
Recipients. Click Reminder for you or the person that you are assigning the task to for
Outlook to remind them on a certain date and time.

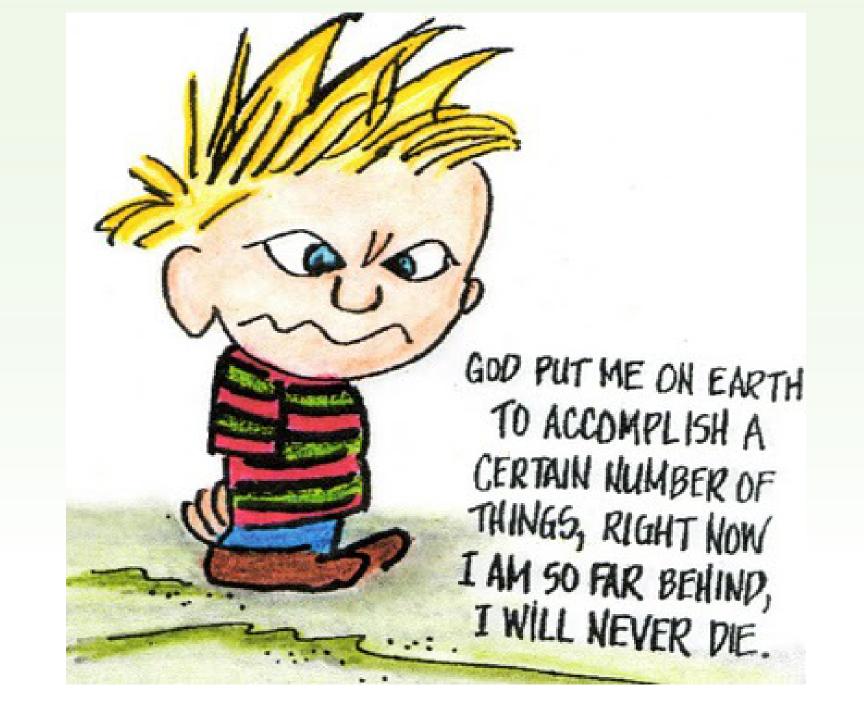


Assign a Task to Someone Else (contd.)

You can also assign a task that is currently in your task list to someone else.

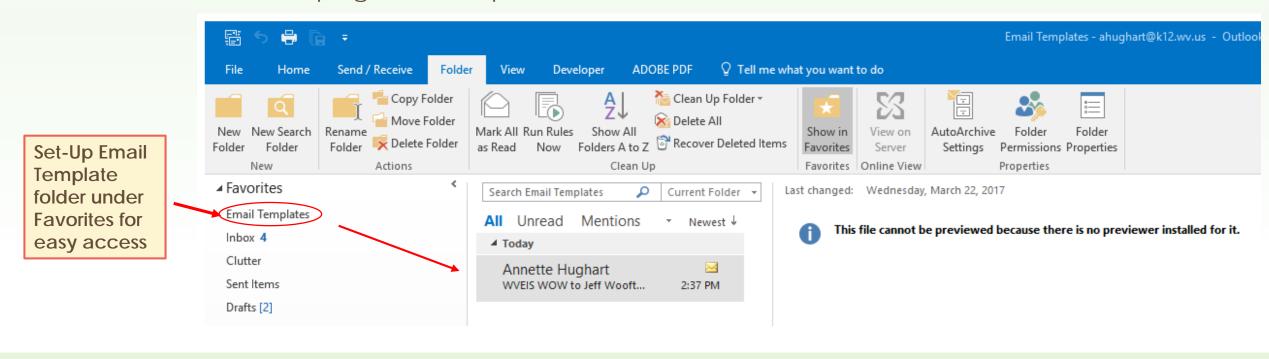
Open the task pane, click Assign Task, fill in the email address and click Send.





Email Templates

- Many of us send repetitive emails. To save time create email templates. This saves time; every second counts.
- Save your email templates in an Outlook folder in your Favorites for easy access.
- To use your email templates, click on the folder and then double click on the email that
 you want to use; this will open the email. If no changes need made just hit send. DONE!
 And you didn't have to type the email!
- Instructions on next page to set-up.



Create an email template

- Start a new message in Outlook (keyboard shortucut Ctrl+Shift+M)
- 2. Fill out the subject and the body of the email
- 3. Go to FILE backstage and choose Save As
- 4. Save the message as a template
 - Note that Outlook will automatically switch you to the default Templates location. You can save the template there - just note the path so you can navigate to it in a later step
 - Alternatively, you may save the template to a different location that's easier to find than then Outlook templates location
- Create a new folder in your Outlook mail tree to hold the new template (Email Templates, for example)
 - 1. Note that this step is different from what Microsoft guidance recommends. Microsoft stops at step 4.1 above, and provides a different procedure for using the template. I find this procedure unnecessarily complicated, requiring many clicks to execute. My process is much simpler!
- 6. Navigate, in Windows Explorer, to the location you noted in step 4.1 or 4.2 above
- 7. Drag the OFT template file to the new folder created in step 5

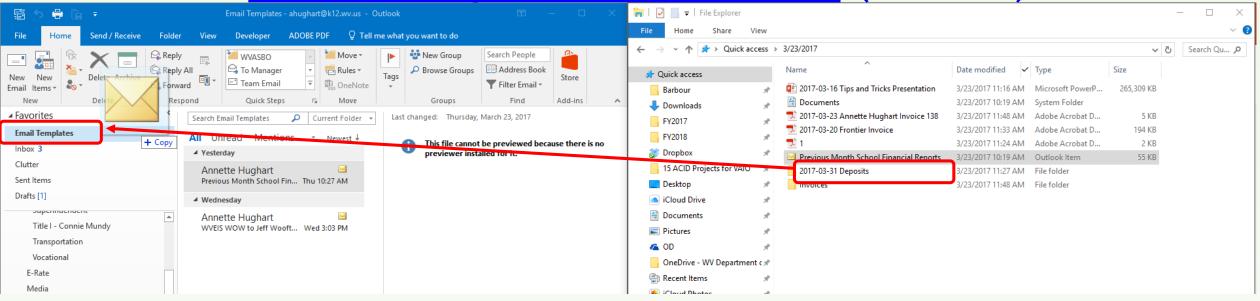
Use the email template

- 1. Navigate to the Email Templates folder created in step 5 of Create an email template
- Open the template (you may be prompted to confirm that you want to open this type of file)
- 3. Modify the text as needed, add email recipients
 - Note that modifying the body of the message or its subject will not change the underlying template. To modify the template, follow steps outlined in Create an email template above
- 4. Click on Send to send the message

Email Template Instructions

See next slide for screen shot of how to drag this file

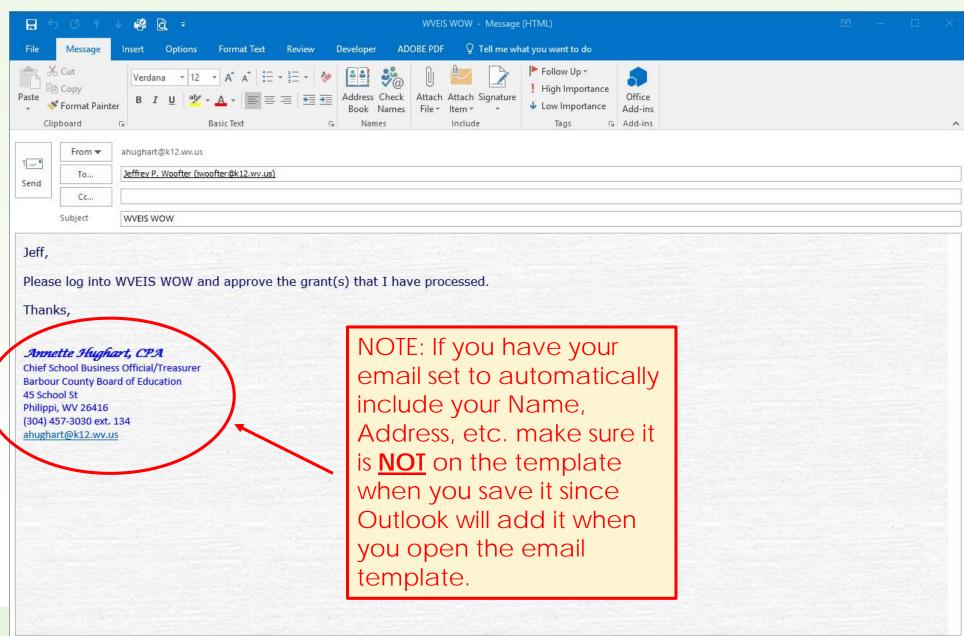
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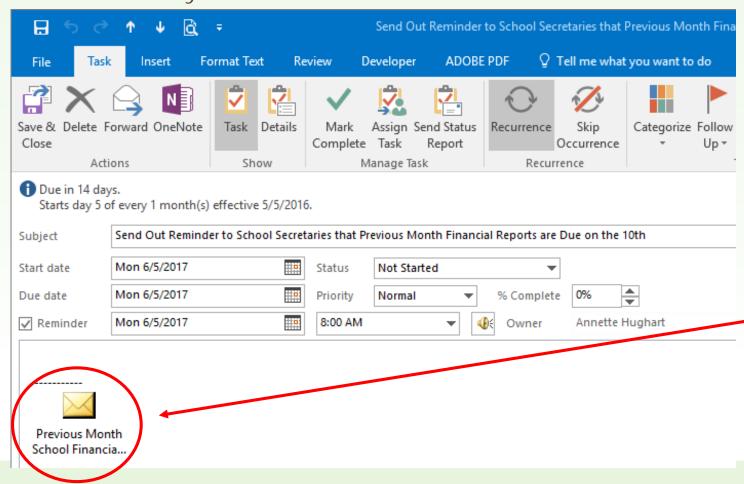
- This is the path that Microsoft Outlook 2016 will probably use to save the email template.
- C:\Users\ahughart\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Templates
- You may want to choose another location to save the template.

Email Template

This is my email template opened

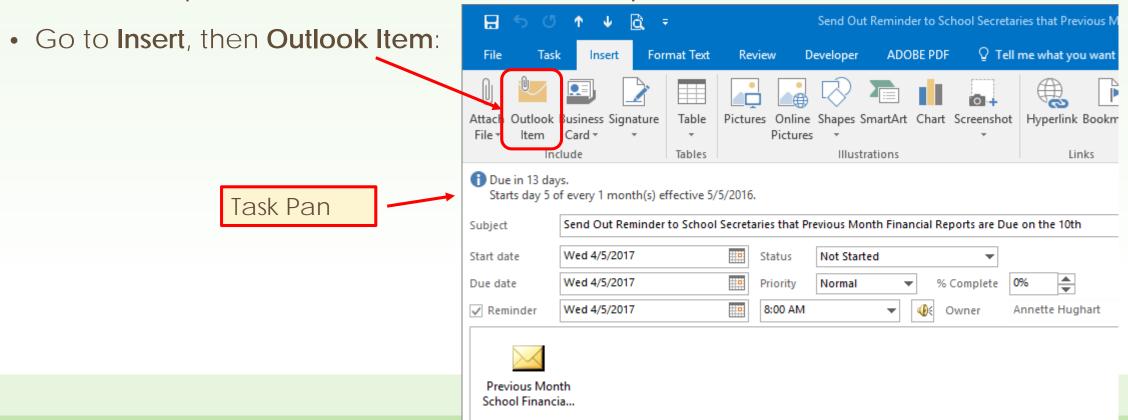


 This is my reoccurring task for a monthly email to our school secretaries to remind them that their previous month financial reports are due to me by the 10th of the month or the first business day thereafter.

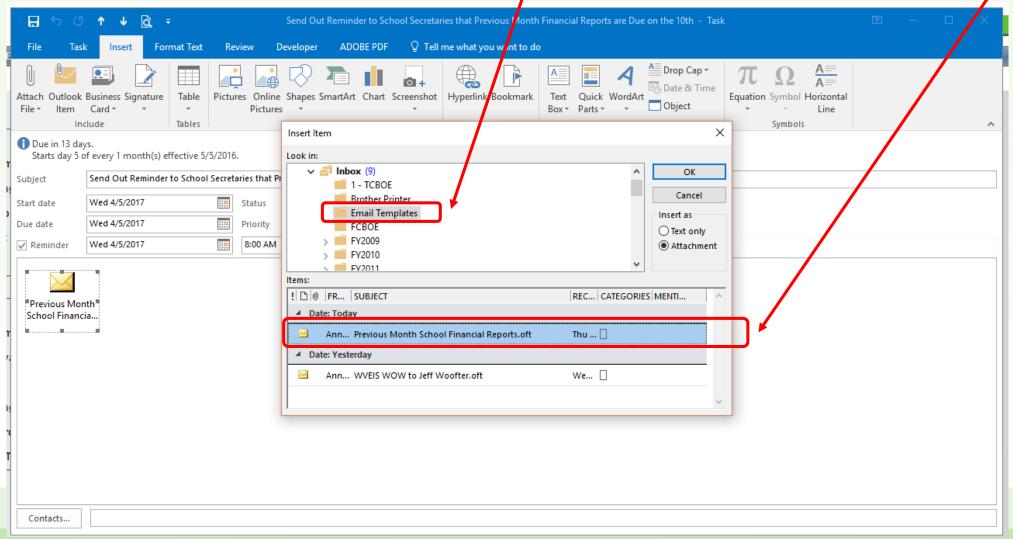


Notice there is an attached item; this is an Email Template

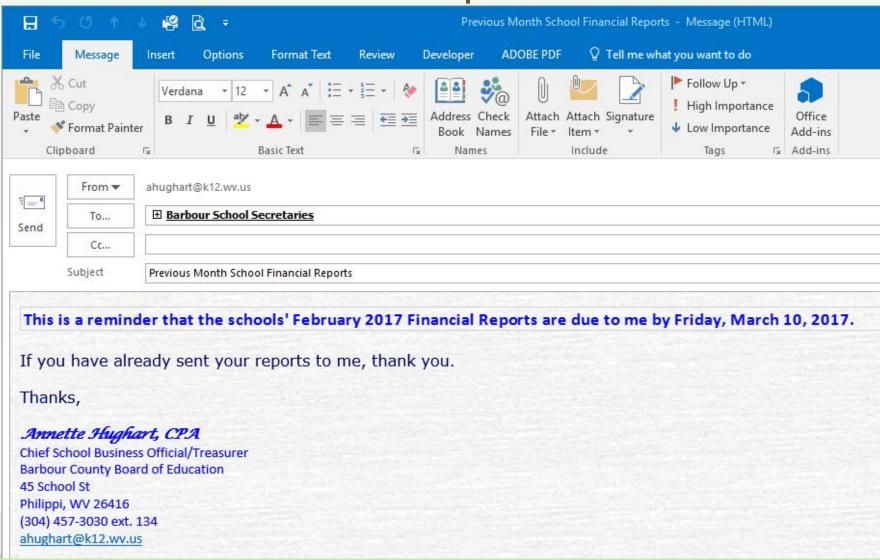
- You can attach just about anything to a task.
- While in the Task go to Insert and choose the type of item you want to insert:
 File, Outlook Item (can be an Email Template), business card, etc.
- This example is to attach an Email Template.



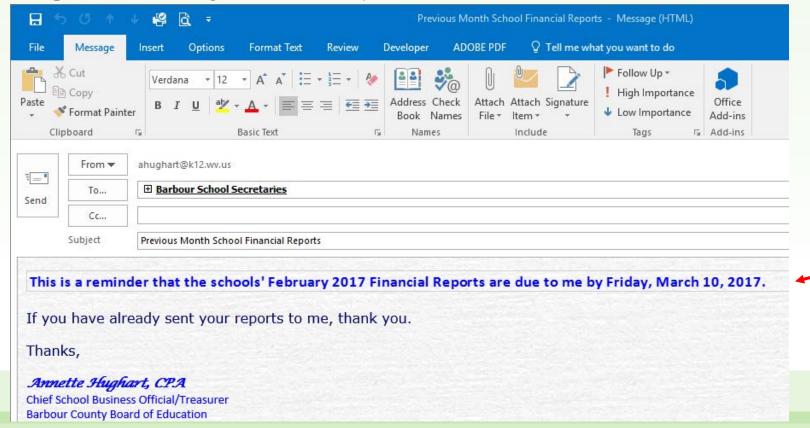
• This is the screen that opens. Find your Email Templates and choose the Email Template that you want to attach and click OK.



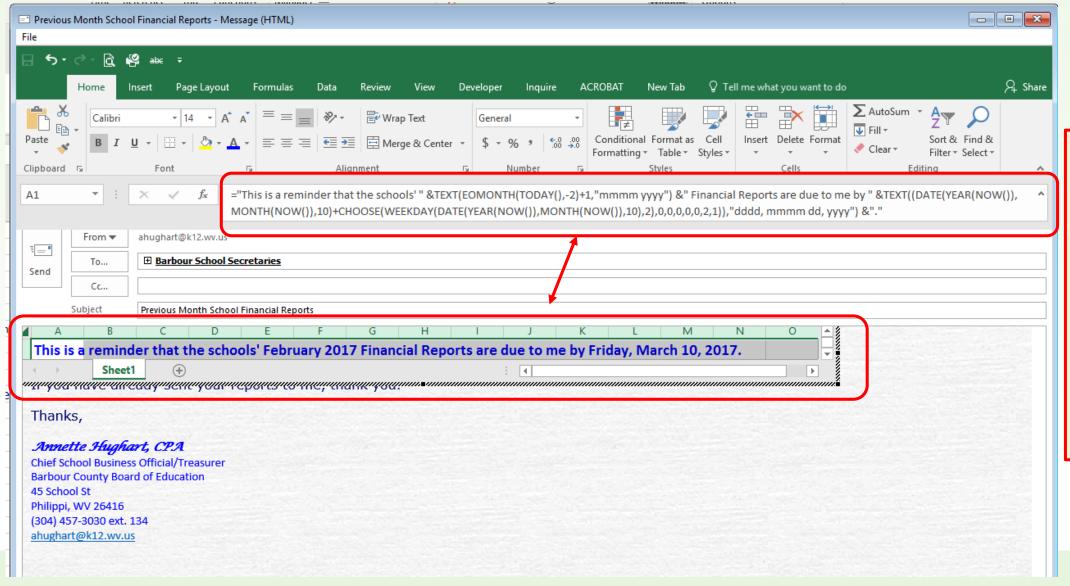
• This is the attached **Email Template** that I created and is my Outlook Email



- When it is time to perform the task, open the task window and double click the attachment (this will be your Email Template that opens), make any needed changes and hit send.
 DONE!
- But wait we can take this a step further. In your Email Template you can insert an Excel
 worksheet for calculations and text.
- Again this is my Email Template that I attached to the Task:



Notice this line looks like text but it is an Excel spreadsheet with a formula for the text and automatically calculates the first business day that is after the 9th of the current month



Dates will automatically update based on the formula when the Email Template is opened and you double click on the Excel portion.

Email Formula

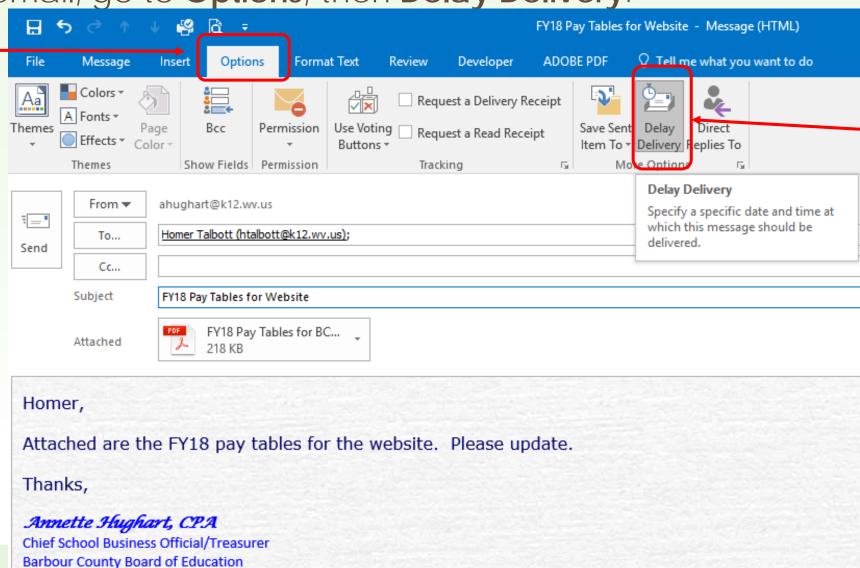
- A Concatenate formula will allow you to string multiple fields of text together but will not allow you to imbed formulas with the text strings.
- Let's take a look at that Excel formula a little more closely.
- This is an interesting formula that will allow you to string text and formulas together. The text sections are in quotes, then to join each section there is a SPACE and an & sign together.
- ="This is a reminder that the schools' "& TEXT(EOMONTH(TODAY(),-2)+1,"mmmm yyyy") & "Financial Reports are due to me by " & TEXT((DATE(YEAR(NOW()),MONTH(NOW()),10)+CHOOSE(WEEKDAY(DATE(YEAR(NOW()),MONTH(NOW()),10),2),0,0,0,0,0,0,2,1)),"dddd, mmmm dd, yyyy") & "."

See the SPACE& together?

- The formula populates in the email as:
 - This is a reminder that the schools' February 2017 Financial Reports are due to me by Friday, March 10, 2017.
- Again when the email template is opened, all of the date references update automatically based on the current date.

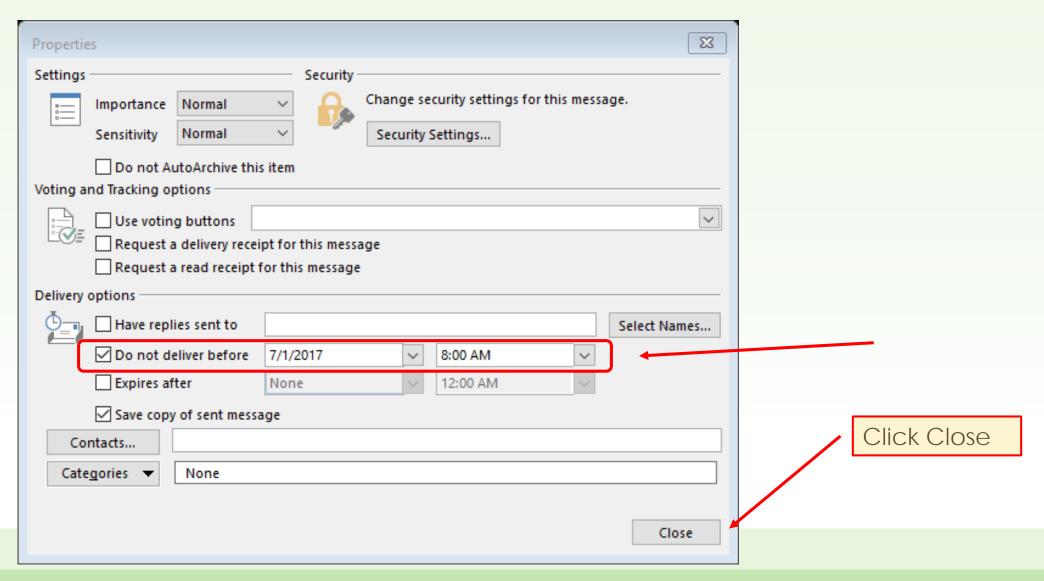
Compose an Email to Send at a Future Date

• Compose an email and set it to send at a future date and time. In your email, go to **Options**, then **Delay Delivery**.



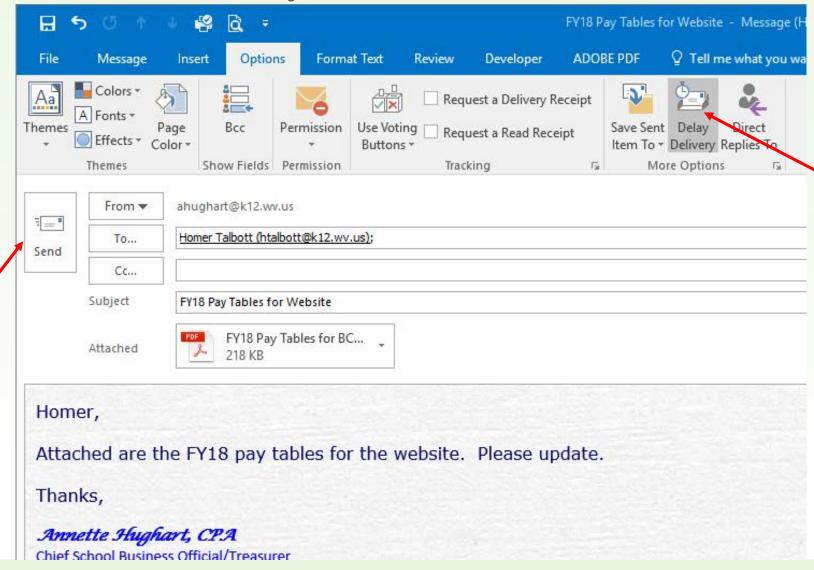
Compose an Email to Send at a Future Date (contd.)

• When you click on **Delivery Delay**, a **Properties** box pops up. Now select the date and time for the email to be delivered.



Compose an Email to Send at a Future Date (contd.)

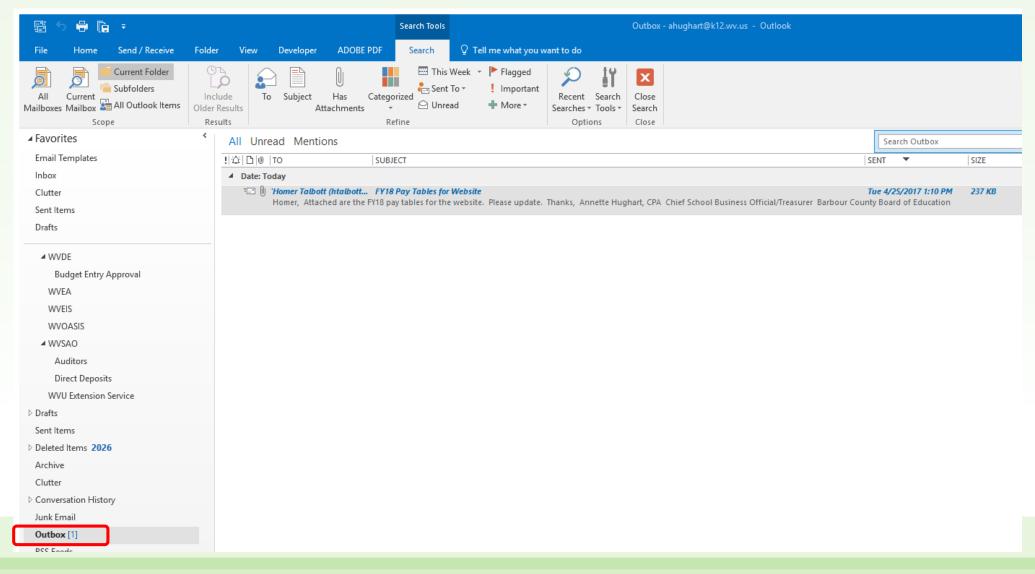
Now click Send on your email.



Delay Deliver box becomes greyed when Properties have been saved.

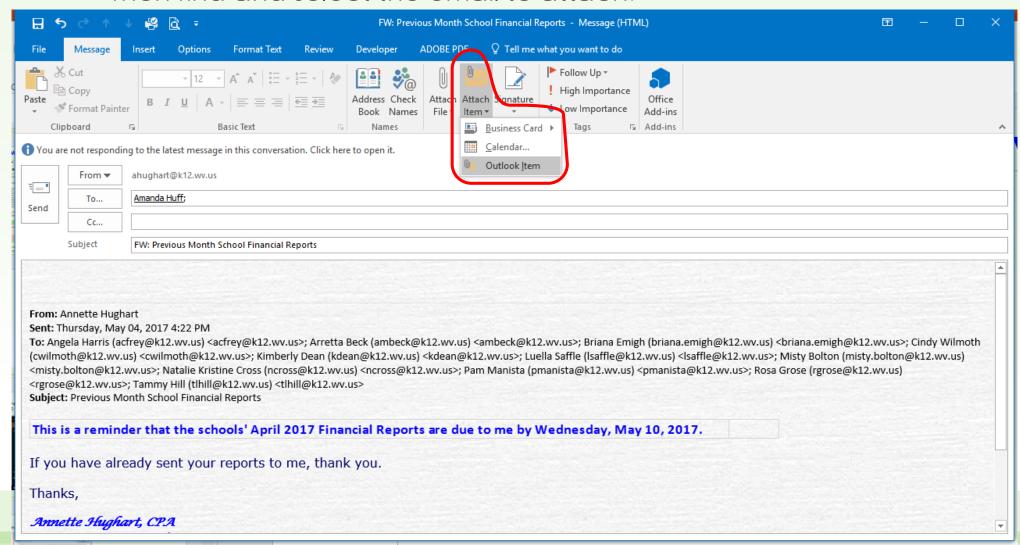
How to Find an Email Set to Send in the Future

• Emails set to deliver in the future, appear in your **Outbox**. So you can easily see if you have already created the email or if you need to reopen the email to make changes before Outlook sends the email.



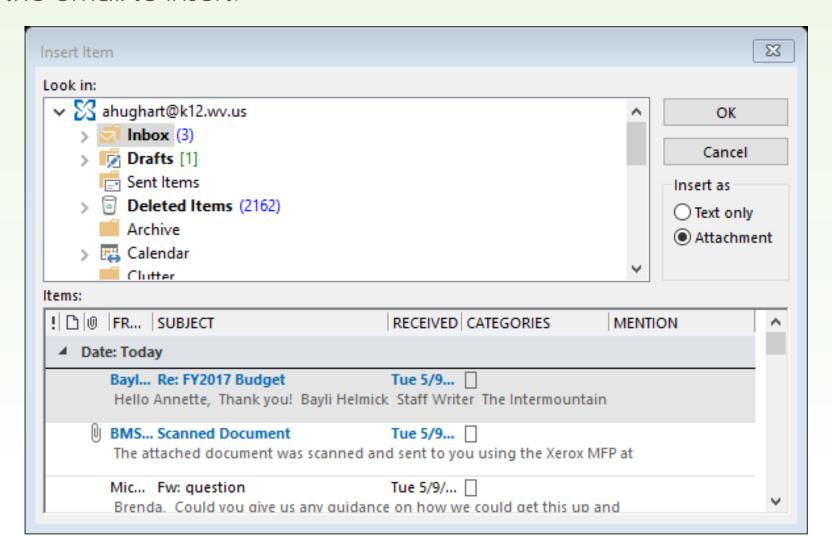
To a New Email, Attach a Previous Email

- In a new message, select Attach Item.
- Choose Outlook Item.
- Then find and select the email to attach.



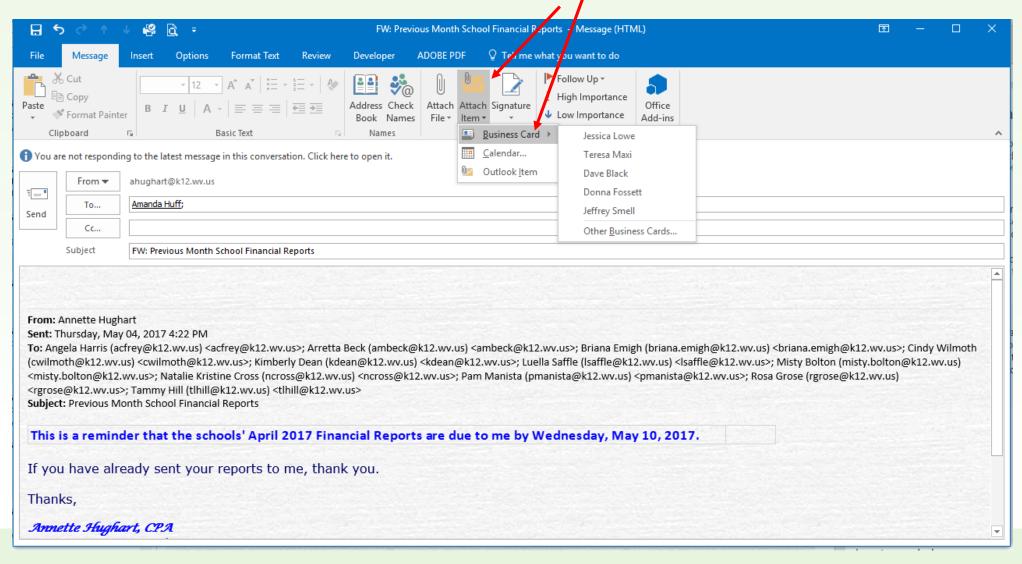
To a New Email, Attach a Previous Email (contd.)

Find the email to insert.



To a New Email, Attach a Business Card

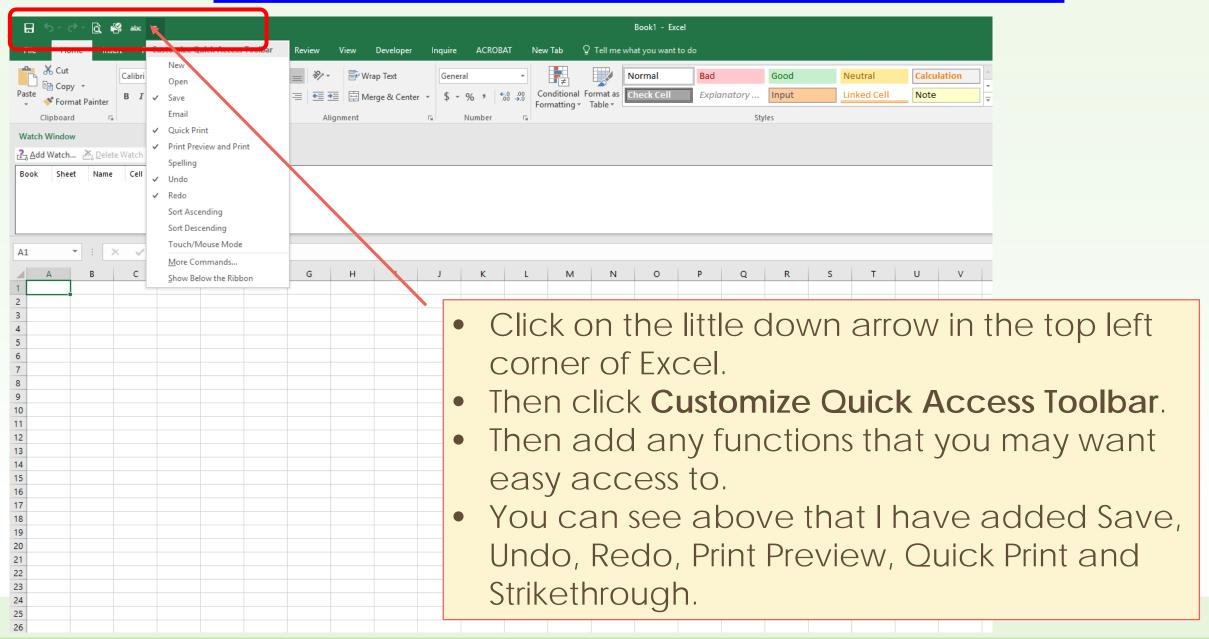
 If you have your contacts set-up in Outlook, you can attach a business card to an email to send to someone else,



Excel 2016 Shortcuts Listing

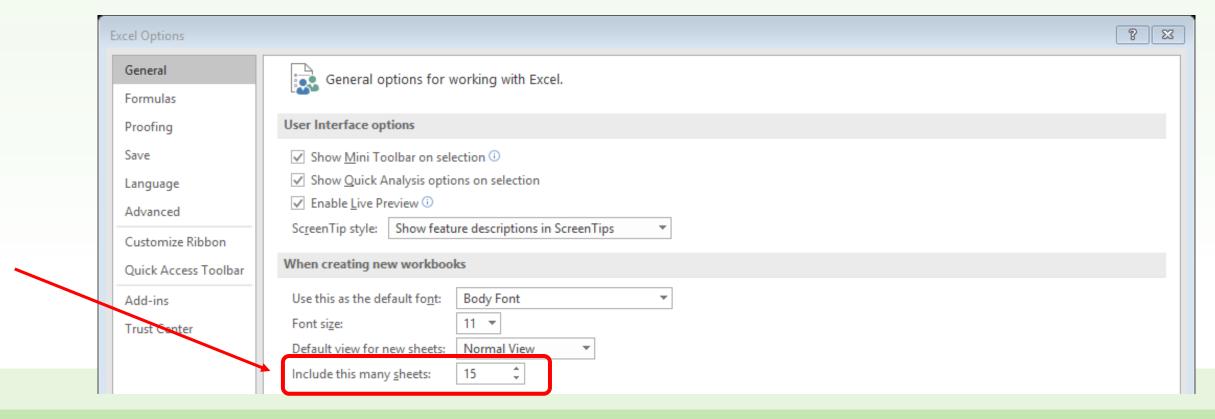
- This is a link for all 253 Excel 2016 Shortcuts
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- The listing is more than you will ever use but some are handy.
- Strikethrough is something I use frequently. Did you know that Control+5 will strikethrough or unstrikethrough?

Customize Excel Quick Access Toolbar



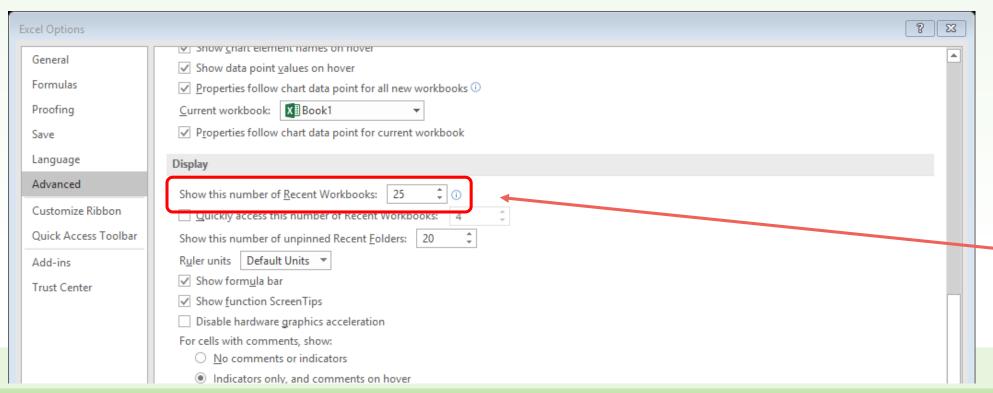
Excel Number of Default Sheets in New Files

- Excel, I think, defaults new files to only have 3 sheets.
- Sometimes you need more sheets than 3. So to save time and keystrokes change the default for number of sheets in new files. If you don't use all of the sheets in a new file, it doesn't matter.
- You can change the number of Default Sheets in new files under Excel Options, General, "When creating new workbooks", then in the field "Include this many sheets:" change the number. I have mine default to 15.

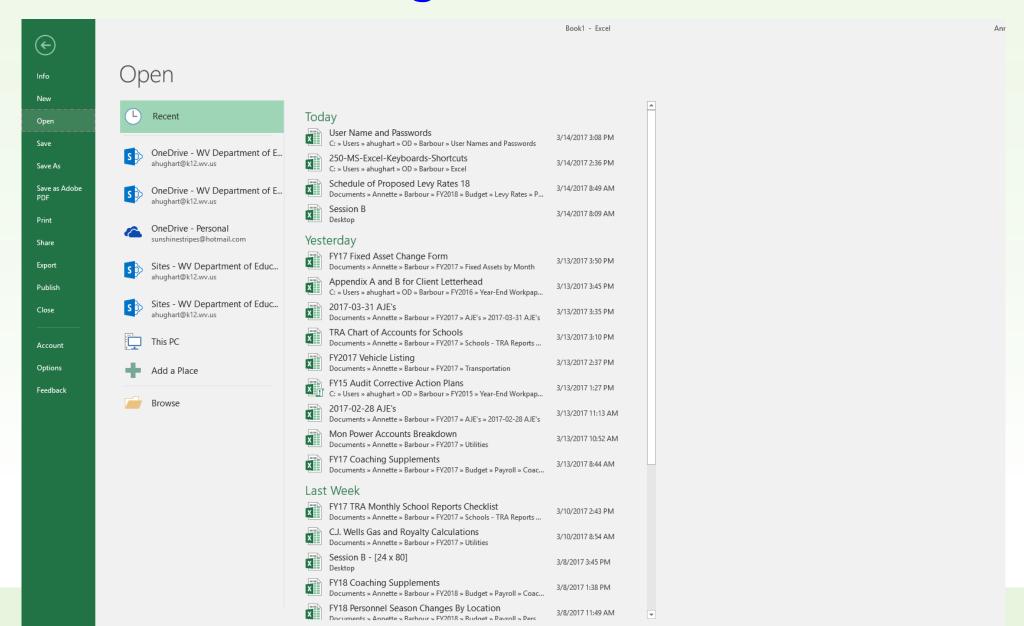


Excel Listing of Recent Files

- In Excel you can see a listing of recently used files by using ALT+F or clicking on File in the top left of the screen.
- Excel defaults to a low number of recent files to display.
- You can change the number of recent files to display by clicking on File, then Excel Options, then Advanced, under the Display section change "Show this number of Recent Workbooks:" I have mine set to 25. It saves time.
- If you have ever saved a file and then can't find it, this may help so that you can open the file
 and save it in the correct location.

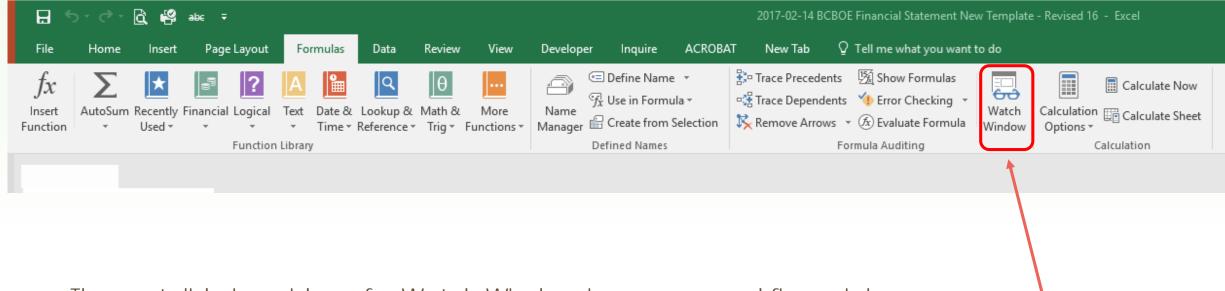


Excel Listing of Recent Files Screenshot



Watch Window

- Our year-end financial statements is a perfect place to use a "Watch Window" in Excel.
- There are many, many, many cells throughout the spreadsheet that have to balance to zero. It is a real pain going from sheet to sheet to sheet, etc. trying to find all of the cells that have to balance to zero. This last round of the financial statement template was even worse for this issue.
- An easy way to see if all of the cells are balancing to zero is through a Watch Window.
- The Watch Window is created from the Formulas tab.



• The next slide is a video of a Watch Window in our year-end financial statements.



Watch Window (contd.)

- The cool thing about a Watch Window is that it can be moved around.
- It can be on the top.
- It can be floating on top of your Excel File window
- It can be moved to a different monitor than Excel is on.
- Every time you make a change in your financial statements you can see in the watch window what the immediate affect is throughout the financial statements.
- The cool thing about a watch window is that you can click on an item in the watch window and it will take you directly to that particular cell on that particular page.
- It is the happiest feeling when all of your items in the watch window are \$0.00 and everything balances.
- No more searching from screen to screen to see how the change affected everything.

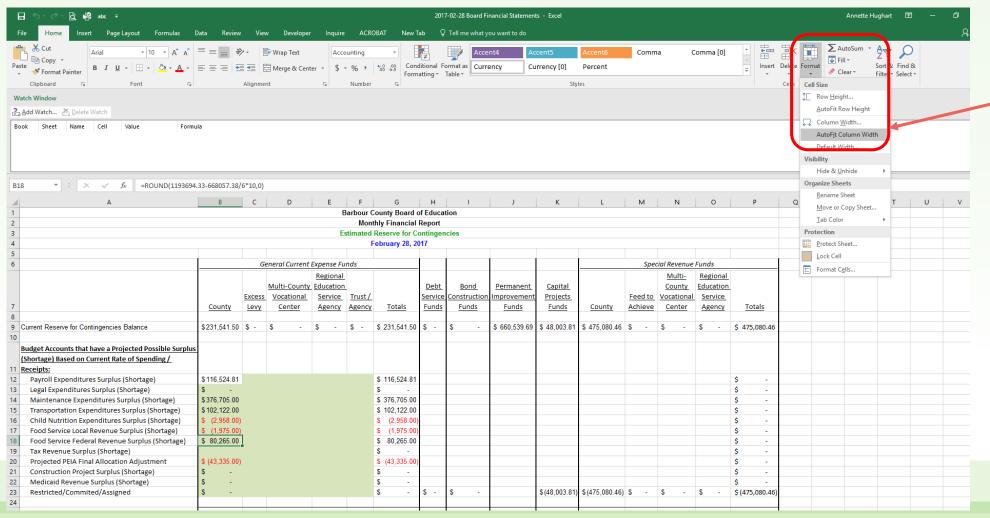
How to Unprotect Multiple Worksheets at Once in Excel

- You can use VBA for this even if you don't understand the coding.
- I use this for our year-end financial statement file. It does work!
- 1. Hold down the ALT + F11 keys, and it opens the Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications window. 2. Click Insert > Module, and paste the following code in the Module Window. Sub unprotect all sheets() On Error Goto booboo unpass = InputBox("password") For Each Worksheet In ActiveWorkbook.Worksheets Worksheet.Unprotect Password:=unpass Next Exit Sub booboo: MsgBox "There is s problem - check your password, capslock, etc." End Sub 3. Then press F5 key to run the code, and enter the password that you have applied for the protected sheets. (the protected sheets must have the same password) See screenshot: The password for our Microsoft Excel FY2016 year-end financial password OK statement Excel file was Cancel "BOE2016". You would enter "BOE2016" in the 111111 box.

Click OK, and the protected sheets have been unprotected at once.

Excel AutoFit Column Width

- When you build an Excel file that you reuse sometimes the column width needs adjusted due
 to more digits in a number or text length.
- You can have Excel AutoFit the Column Width so it will automatically adjust. This saves time.
 It works most of the time. Every once in a while a column may need adjusted by hand for some reason.



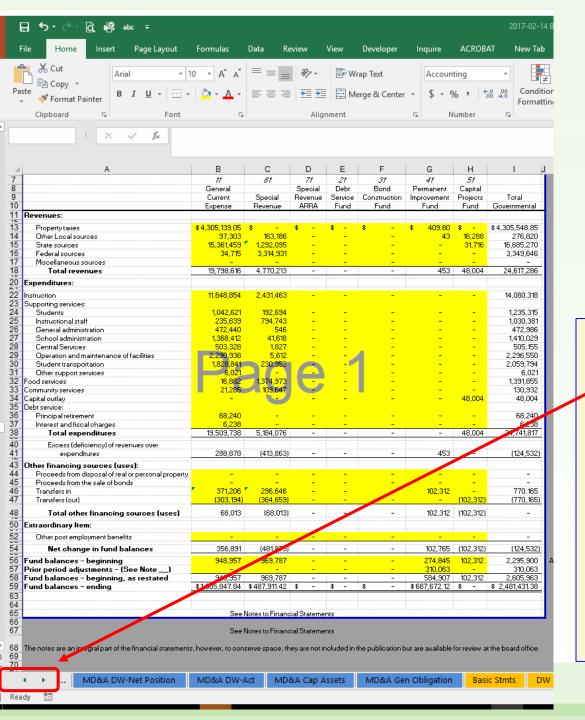
Click on Format, then AutoFit Column Width.

You can also **AutoFit Row Height**.



Format Multiple Excel Sheets at the Same Time

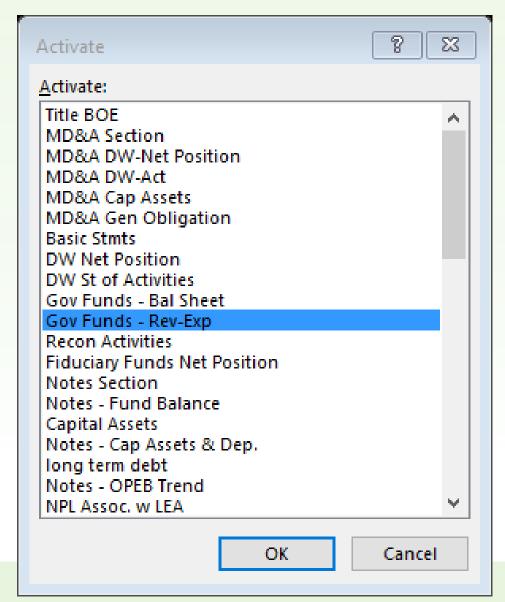
- Sometimes when you build a file each sheet is set-up identically.
- It can be cumbersome to format a file with a lot of sheets.
- You can highlight all of the sheets and then format all of the sheets at one time.
- Click on the first sheet in the bottom bar of Excel then scroll right to find the last sheet. Hit Shift and left click on the last sheet to be formatted.
- Perform the formatting.
- Then scroll left to the first highlighted sheet, Hit Shift and left click on the first sheet. Done!



Excel Sheets Listing

• When you have an Excel file with numerous sheets, instead of scrolling left and right to find the sheet that you need, go to the bottom left of your screen and hover over the left and right arrows, then right click, this will pull up a listing of all of the sheets in your file. From this window listing left double click on the sheet that you want to go to.

Excel Sheet Listing (contd.)



This is the sheet listing from our year-end financial statement file.

Double left click on the sheet that you want to go to.

You can also scroll in this window.

Conditional Formatting

- Conditional formatting can be helpful to highlight and/or change the color of Excel cells based on certain criteria.
- This is an example of conditional formatting to change the formatting of cells where there was a change of 30% or more.

Select a Rule Type:

Edit the Rule Description:

Format only cells with:

Cell Value

Preview:

► Format all cells based on their values
 ► Format only cells that contain
 ► Format only top or bottom ranked values
 ► Format only values that are above or below average

► Format only unique or duplicate values

► Use a formula to determine which cells to format

greater than

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Format...

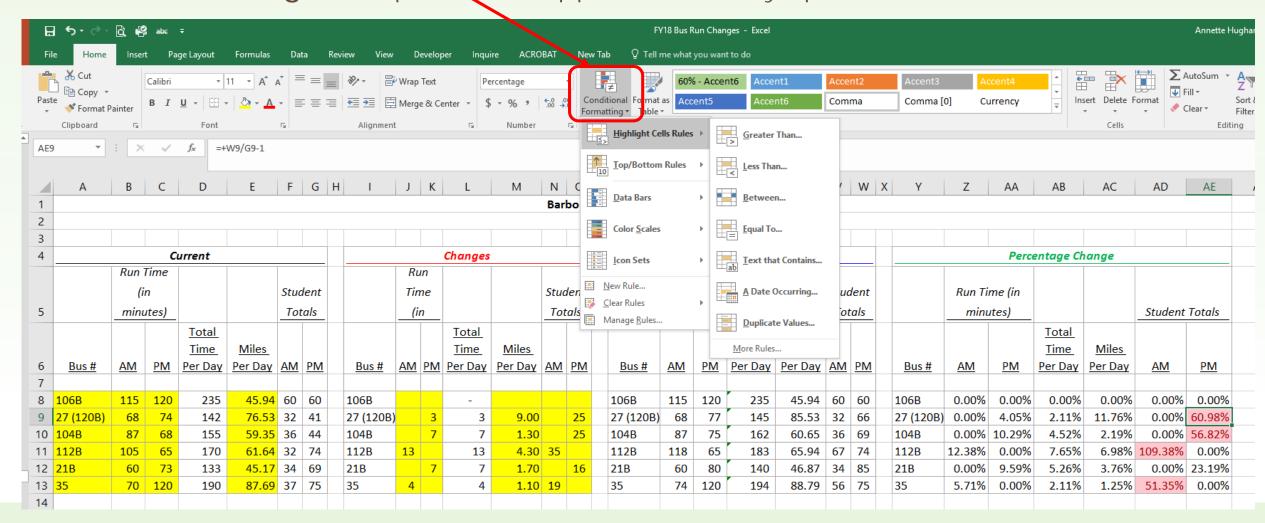
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For background: We had multiple bus runs that were being reconfigured during this personnel season. If a bus run changes by 30% or more then the driver must be put on transfer. The driver may request a hearing.

Conditional Formatting (contd.)

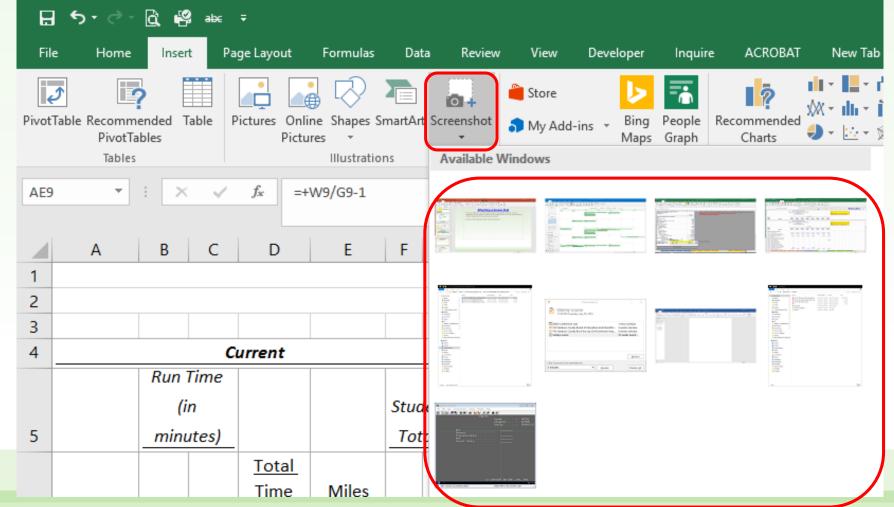
 To apply Conditional Formatting highlight the cells that you want to apply the formatting to. Then on the Home tab, click on Conditional Formatting. A dropdown will appear with many options.



Attaching a Screen Shot

You can attach a current screen shot of any open window on your desktop in Excel, Word,
 Outlook and PowerPoint or you can also attach a screen clipping that was previously saved.

Click on the **Insert** tab, then click **Screenshot**. This will show a dropdown of mini pictures of windows currently open on your desktop. Click the picture of the window that you want to insert or choose Screen Clipping and find the file to insert.



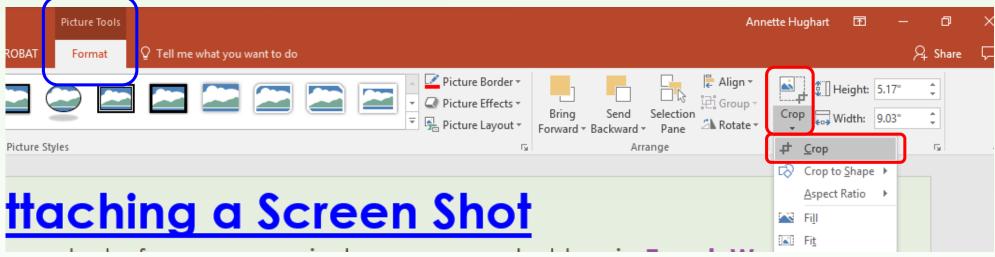
Windows that are open on my desktop.

Cropping a Screen Shot or Picture

 Any picture that is inserted into Excel, Word, Outlook and PowerPoint can be cropped and resized.

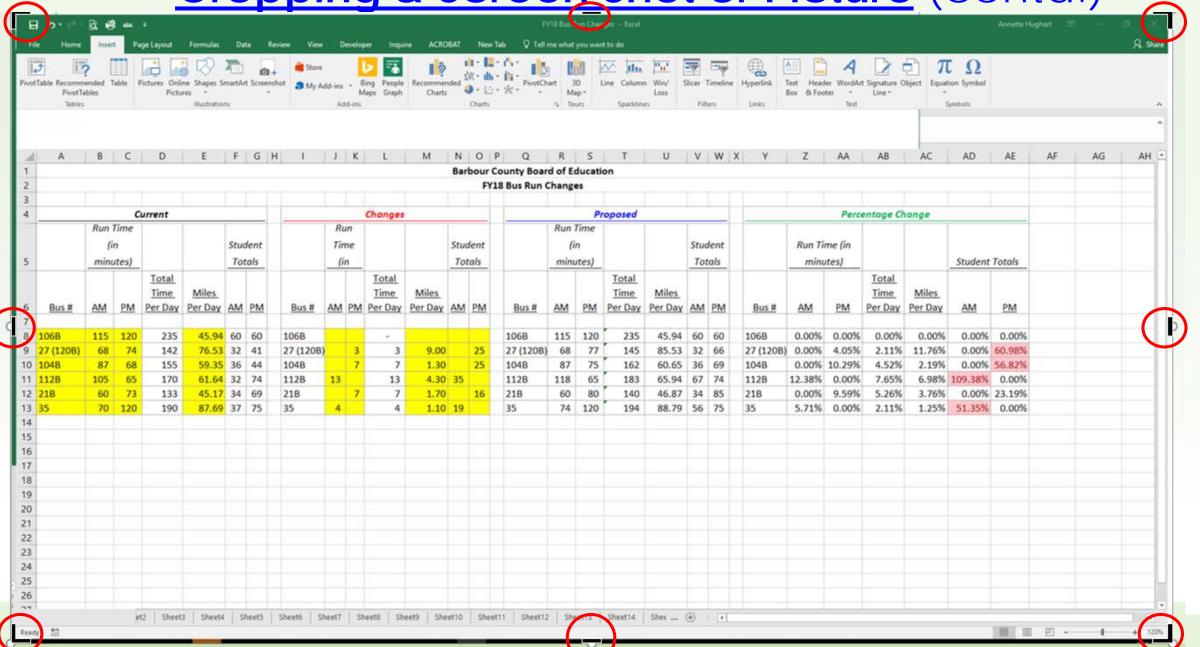
• Click on the picture and a **Picture Tools** tab will appear at the top of your screen. Click on the **Picture Tools** tab click **Format**, then **Crop**

the Picture Tools tab, click Format, then Crop.



- The screen of your picture will change to a greyed color and little paddles will appear on the top, bottom, left and right and corners (see next slide).
 - For those of you that remember Pong, the paddles look like Pong paddles.
- Left click and hold on a paddle and move your mouse to crop out areas. When done click outside the grayed area.

Cropping a Screen Shot or Picture (contd.)

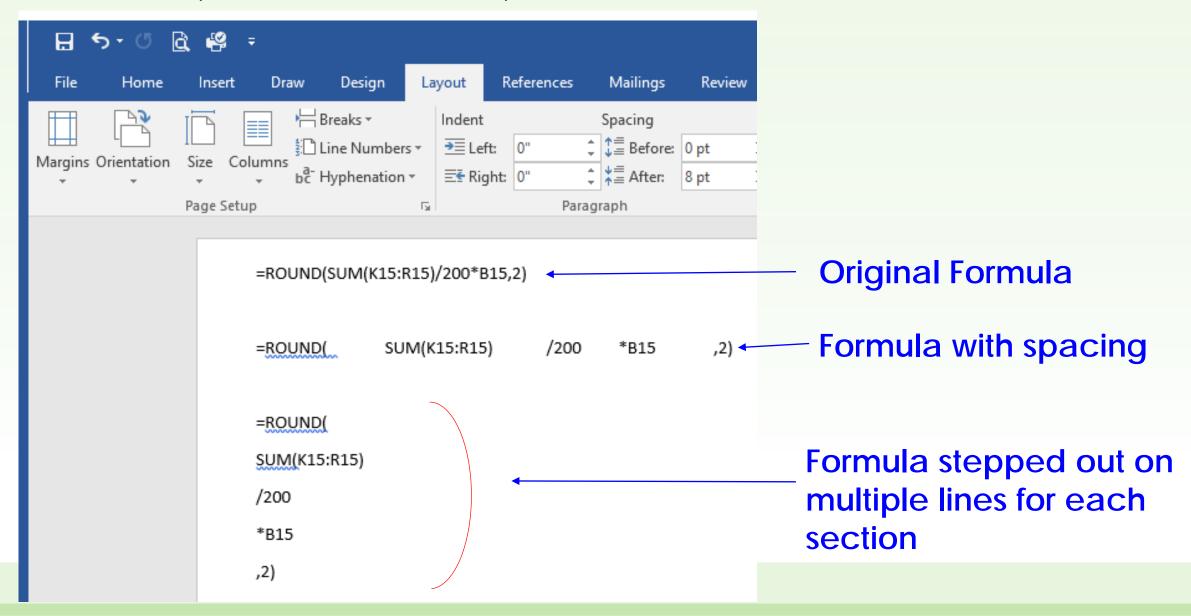


Building Formulas

- Formulas with multiple parts are usually trial and error for all of us.
- When trying to build a formula with multiple sections or formulas imbedded into other formulas, it can be helpful to build each section in a separate cell to aid in determining that that particular section works without an error. Once each section has been built separately then try to nest them together.
- If you have a nested formula that is causing particular grief, Open Word and change the orientation to Landscape and then change the paper size to Legal or Ledger (even wider), also make the left and right margins really small.
- Then copy the formula into Word and step it out, either on multiple lines with spaces in between each section. Sometimes this helps you to visually see where the problem is. When a formula is all scrunched together it can be difficult to see where the problem is.

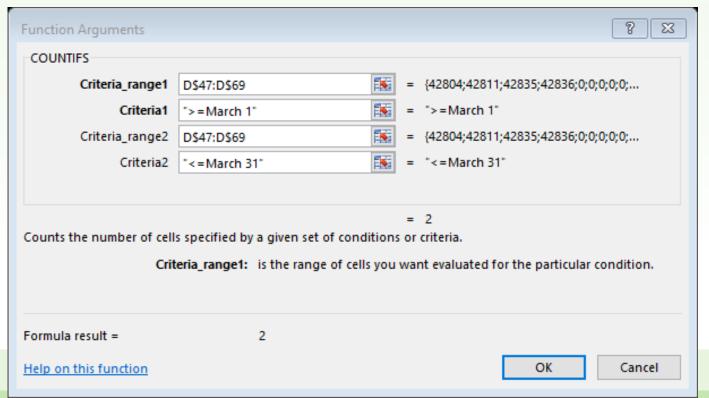
Building Formulas (contd.)

• This is a simple formula as an example:



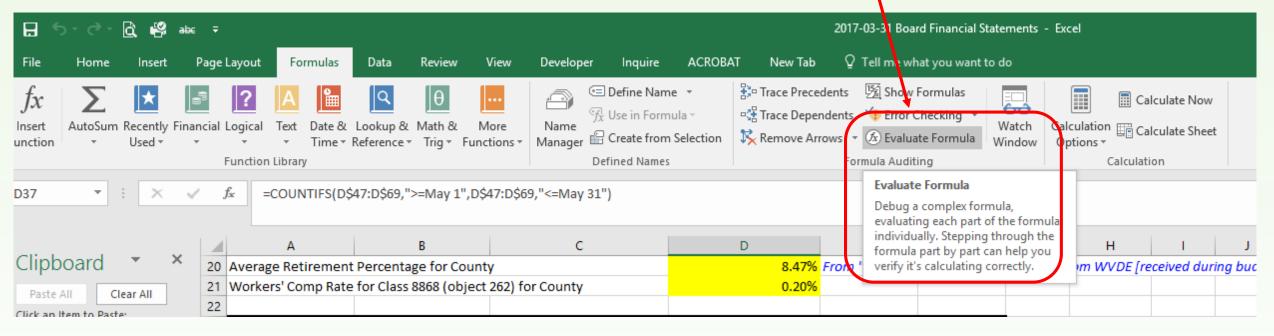
Building Formulas (contd.)

- In Excel we have all used the Excel help with building formulas by choosing a formula then Excel steps you through a formula with the Function Arguments window.
- This Function Arguments window is another tool to use try to determine where a problem is in a formula.
- Place your curser on the cell where the formula is and then click on the Formula tab, then
 Insert Function. This will bring up the formula Function Arguments. From the Function
 Arguments window you may be able to see which section may be causing the error issue.



Building Formulas (contd.)

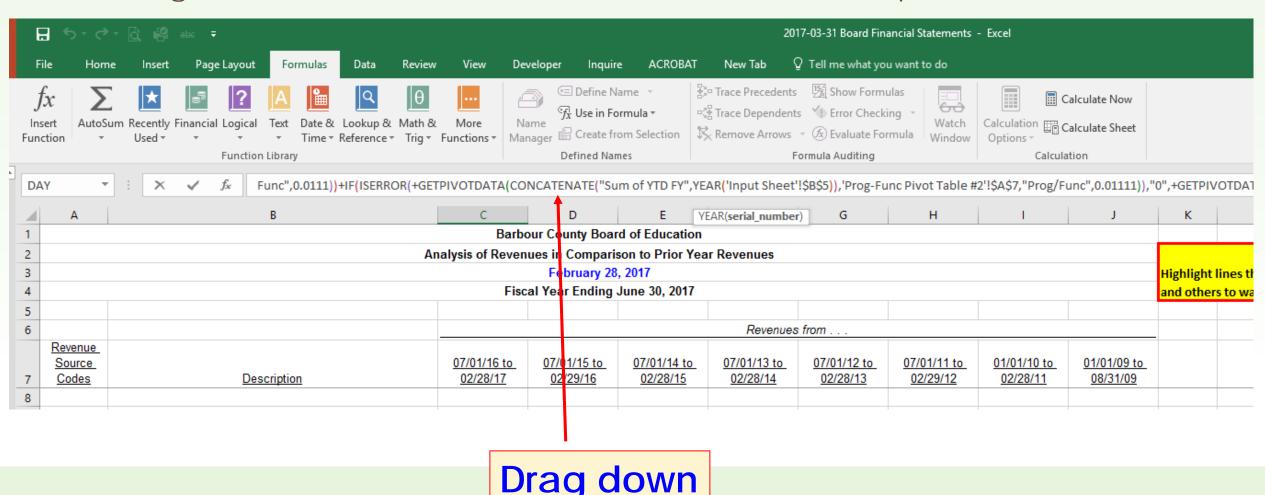
 On the Formulas tab, you could also use Evaluate Formula to assist with a formula issue.



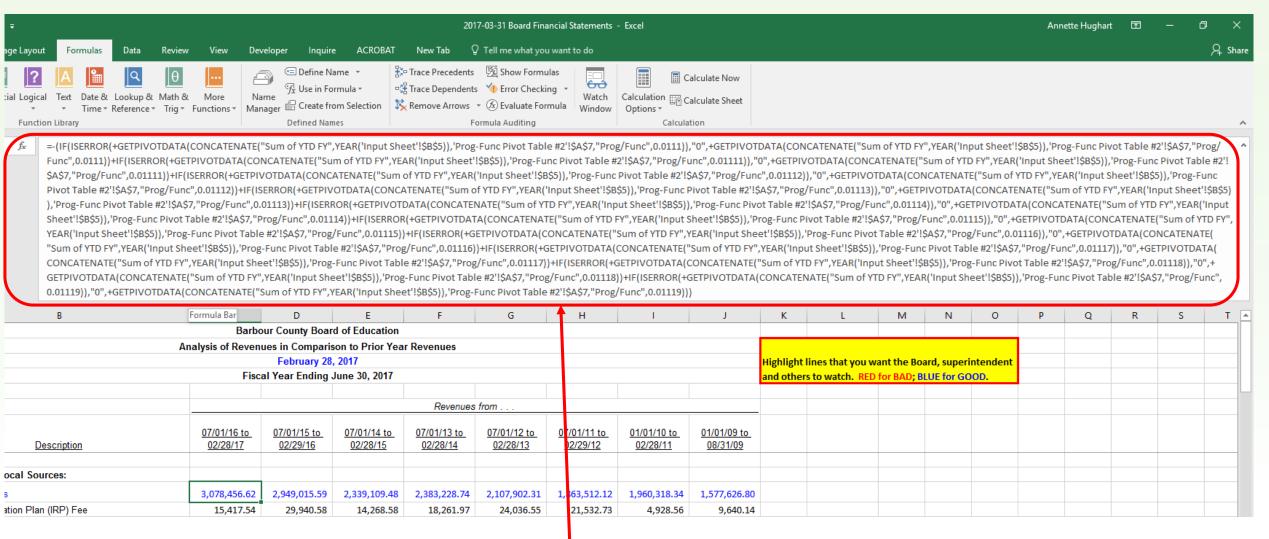
 With a complicated formula, this can help with determining which section of a formula may be the issue.

Excel Formula Cell Expansion

- When building formulas, expand the formula cell so the full formula shows and is not cutoff.
- Just drag down on the bottom of the formula cell to expand.



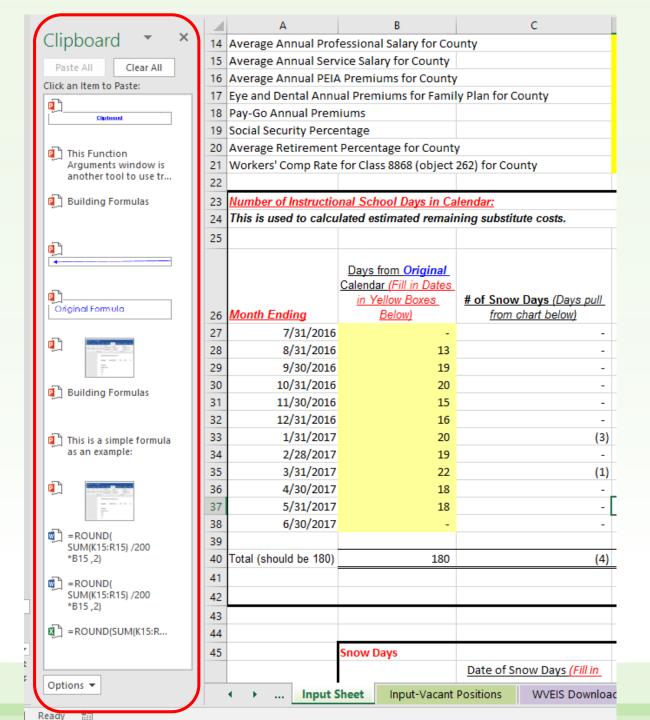
Excel Formula Cell Expansion (contd.)



Formula cell extended to show entire formula

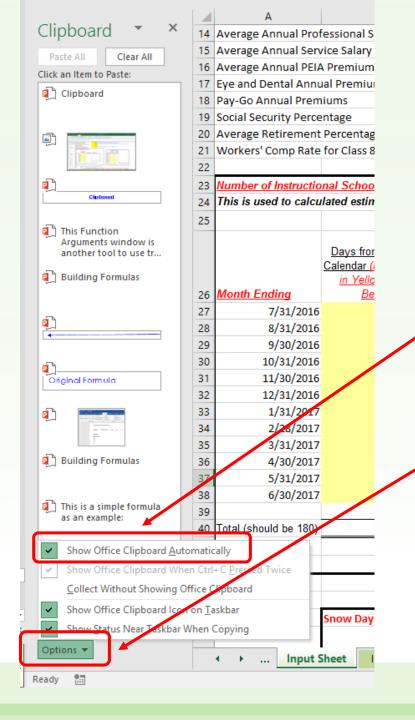
Clipboard

- Copying and pasting a lot of different things can be tedious.
- In most Microsoft programs clicking Ctrl+C twice will bring up the Clipboard.
- The Clipboard will allow you to copy many items to the Clipboard and then use them when needed.
- The items on the Clipboard don't disappear when used. The items are only removed from the Clipboard when you clear the items.
- One of the interesting things about the Clipboard is when multiple
 Microsoft programs are open on your desktop that the Clipboard
 appears in each program with items copied from different programs.
- I was able to get the same exact Clipboard to show up on Excel,
 Word and Outlook that were open on my desktop.



Clipboard (contd.)

- This is the screen shot of the Clipboard in Excel.
- Notice that there are items from PowerPoint, Word and Excel on the Clipboard.
- The Clipboard is identical in Excel, Word and Outlook.



Clipboard (contd.)

 To have the Clipboard show automatically, open the Clipboard by clicking Ctrl+C twice, then at the bottom of the Clipboard window left click on Options, then check beside **Show Office Clipboard** Automatically.

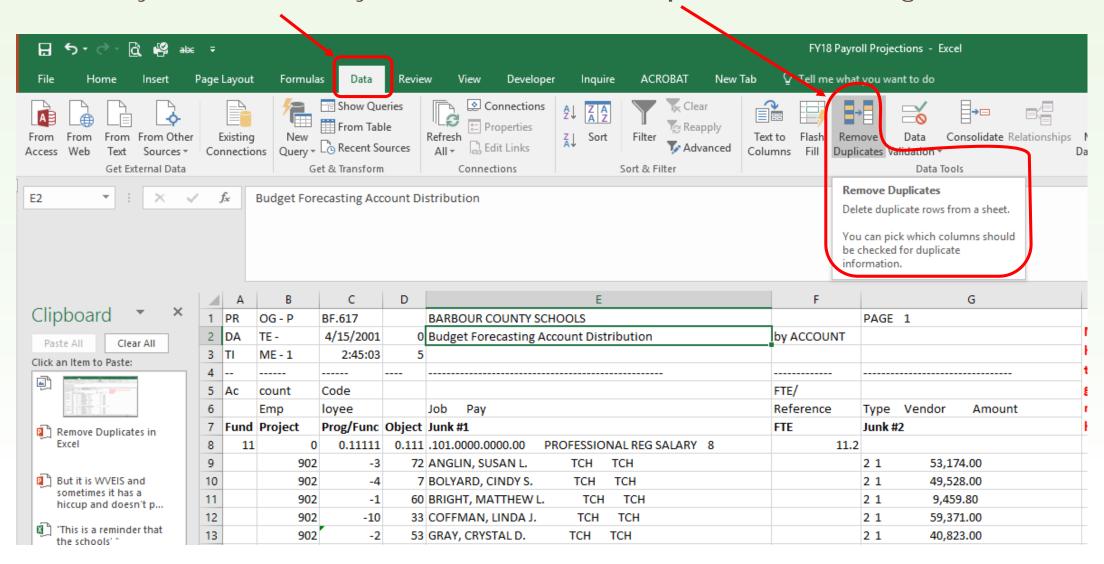
Excel Templates (contd.)

- We all know it is about working smarter instead of harder.
- If you have something that is reoccurring, create templates in Excel.
- I have a lot of templates that I have built over the years. It saves so much time.
- Some of the templates that I have built over the years are:
 - AJE's (right click and select Open Hyperlink)
 - BJE's (right click and select Open Hyperlink)
 - WV Municipal Bond Reconciliation
 - Indirect Cost Transfers Calculations
 - Monthly Board Financial Reports

- Bank Reconciliations
- Utility Reports
- Budget File
- Budget Reconciliation
- Indirect Cost Calculations
- Faculty Senate Distribution
- On and on and on

Remove Duplicates in Excel

• There may be times when you want to **Remove Duplicates** from a large amount of data.



Remove Duplicates in Excel (contd.)

- When downloading reports from WVEIS, sometimes WVEIS will list the first row on a page that is a duplicate from the last row of the previous page.
- This can be a problem if you are trying to run the data through a pivot table.
- Most of the time, WVEIS prints the header with "** Continued **" as follows:

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PROG - PBF.617 BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOLS
DATE - 4/28/17 Budget Forecasting Account Distribution by ACCOUNT
TIME - 13:23:07

Account Code
Employee Job Pay Reference Type Vendor Amount

11.00000.11111.111.303.0000.0000.00 PROFESSIONAL REG SALARY 8 16.185 ** Continued **
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- But it is WVEIS and sometimes it has a hiccup and doesn't print the **Continued**.
- This is the bottom of page 68 of our Budget Forecasting Account Distribution by Account report:

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11.00000.12411.121.201.0000.0000.00 SERVICE REGULAR SALARY 8 1.050
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This is the top of page 69, WVEIS missed the **Continued**.

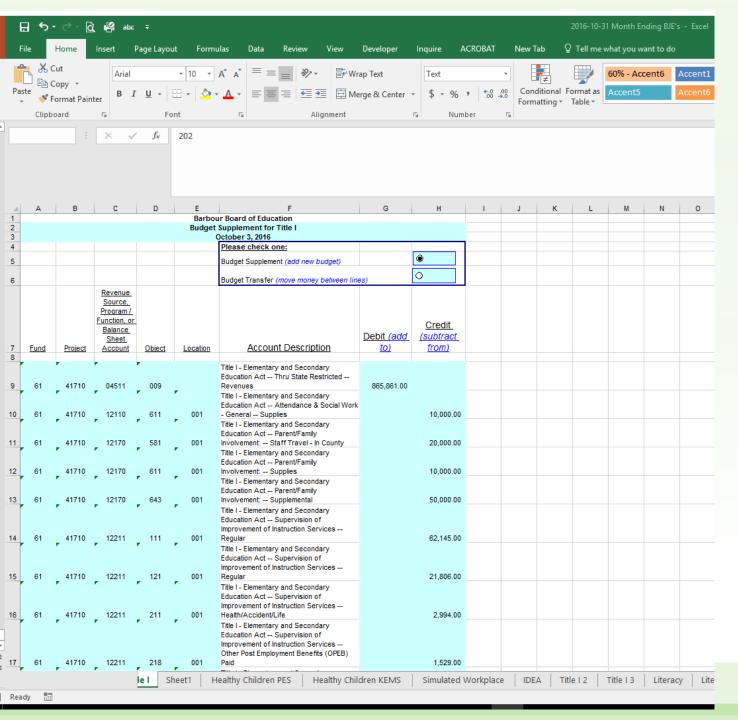
PROG - PBF.617 DATE - 4/28/17 TIME - 13:23:07	BARBOUR COUNTY SCHOOLS Budget Forecasting Account	Distribution by ACCOUNT		PAGE 69
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Remove Duplicates in Excel (contd.)

- If the duplicate information isn't removed, a pivot table will count the information twice since there isn't the statement of **Continued** to be able to exclude these cells through the Pivot Table.
- Without the duplicates removed a Pivot Table will return that there are 2.10 FTE in account code 11.00000.12411.121.201 when it is really only 1.05 FTE.
- When the duplicates are removed, the Pivot Table calculates the correct FTE at 1.05.
- Working with large amounts of data can be easier with the duplicates removed.

Pivot Table Calculated Field

- If you have never used a Pivot Table before, this could make you take the leap.
- We all hate it when a grant award letter is issued with a different dollar amount than we received as an estimate when we built our budgets.
- It is usually easier to reverse out the whole budget and then reenter the new budget instead of trying to figure out the amount of difference for each budget line. <u>But this is a lot of work!</u>
- A Pivot Table Calculated Field can assist with this process.
- I think all or most of us enter our Title I budgets down to the location code.
- We will use Title I as an example.

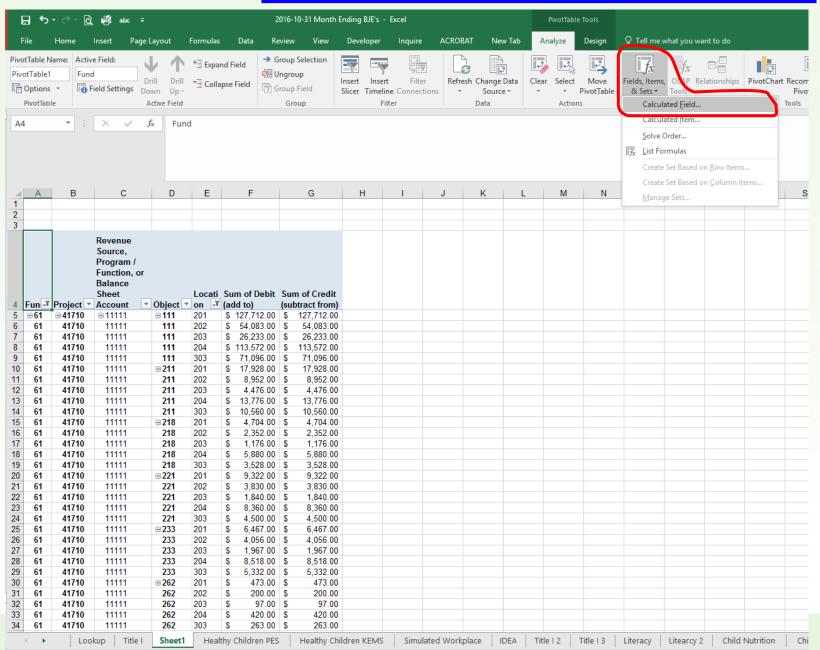


- This is a partial screen shot of Excel for the reversal of the original budget estimate with the final budget amounts.
- Barbour is a small county, therefore, our budget entry will be fewer lines than a lot of other counties.
- There are 140 lines in this example.

- This is a screen shot of a Pivot Table with a Calculated Field.
- Now all we have to key into WVEIS are the amounts in the Calculated Field which is 13 lines and not 140 lines!
- Excel PivotTableSpreadsheetDouble Click
- Double Click to open the imbedded Excel sheet and scroll through rows

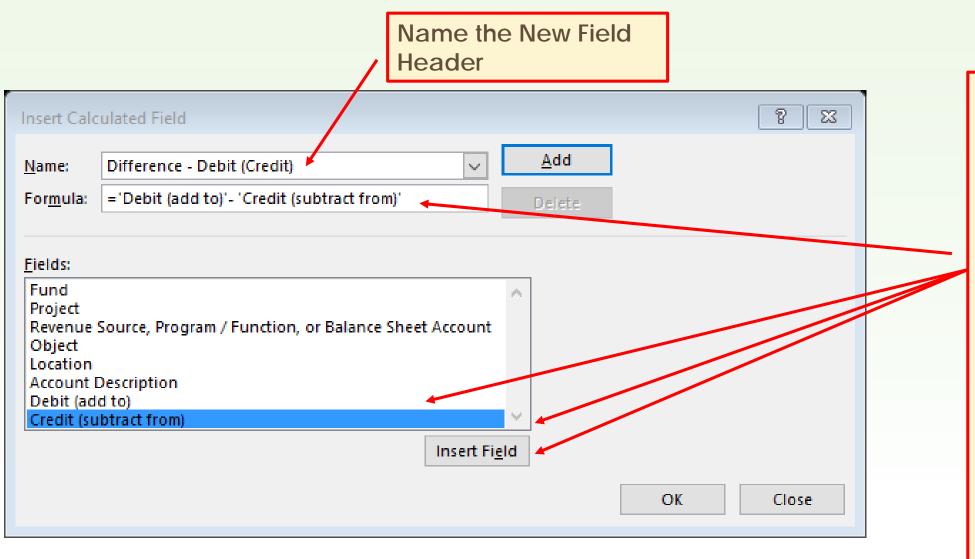
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Calculated Field



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- To insert a Calculated Field into a Pivot Table put your curser on any cell of the pivot table.
- The PivotTable Tools tab will show up when your cursor is on a cell in the pivot table.
- Click on the Analysis tab. Then click on Field, Items & Sets. In the dropdown choose Calculated Field.



In the Formula Bar:

- Insert the Name
 of the First
 Column, "Debit
 (add to)" using
 the Insert Field
 button
- Type "-" in the formula bar
- Insert the Name
 of the second
 column, "Credit
 (subtract from)"
 using the Insert
 Field button
- Click OK

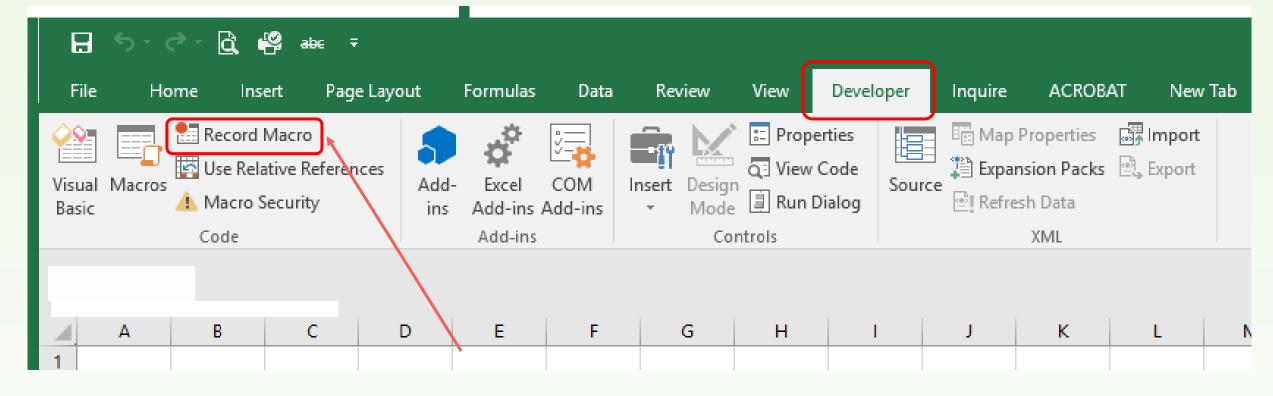
Build a Pivot Table

- Building pivot tables and reusing year after year after year will save tons of time.
- There are many ways to build and format pivot tables. It is not as hard as it looks. Pivot tables look intimidating. I was hooked after the first Pivot Table I built.
- You can do so much more with pivot tables than just select certain data to populate in columns. This next hyperlink is a good example; it is a little more complex.
- Child Nutrition balances pivot tables (to open, right click and then choose Open Hyperlink)

How to Correct When a Formula Returns an Error of "#REF"

- The formula of "ISERROR" doesn't show up In Excel under the Formulas tab, searching in Insert Function field.
- There is always more than one way to write a formula in Excel but this one is pretty straight forward when built into an IF statement.
- =IF(ISERROR(+GETPIVOTDATA("Current YTD Budget",'Reserve for Cont. Pivot Table'!\$A\$7,"Fund",11)),0,+GETPIVOTDATA("Current YTD Budget",'Reserve for Cont. Pivot Table'!\$A\$7,"Fund",11))
- This is just an IF statement where if Condition 1 is an error because it can't be found, then the formula returns a "0", if Condition 1 does not return an error then it returns the value.
- It is just an IF statement with 3 sections just like any other IF statement.

How to Record a Macro

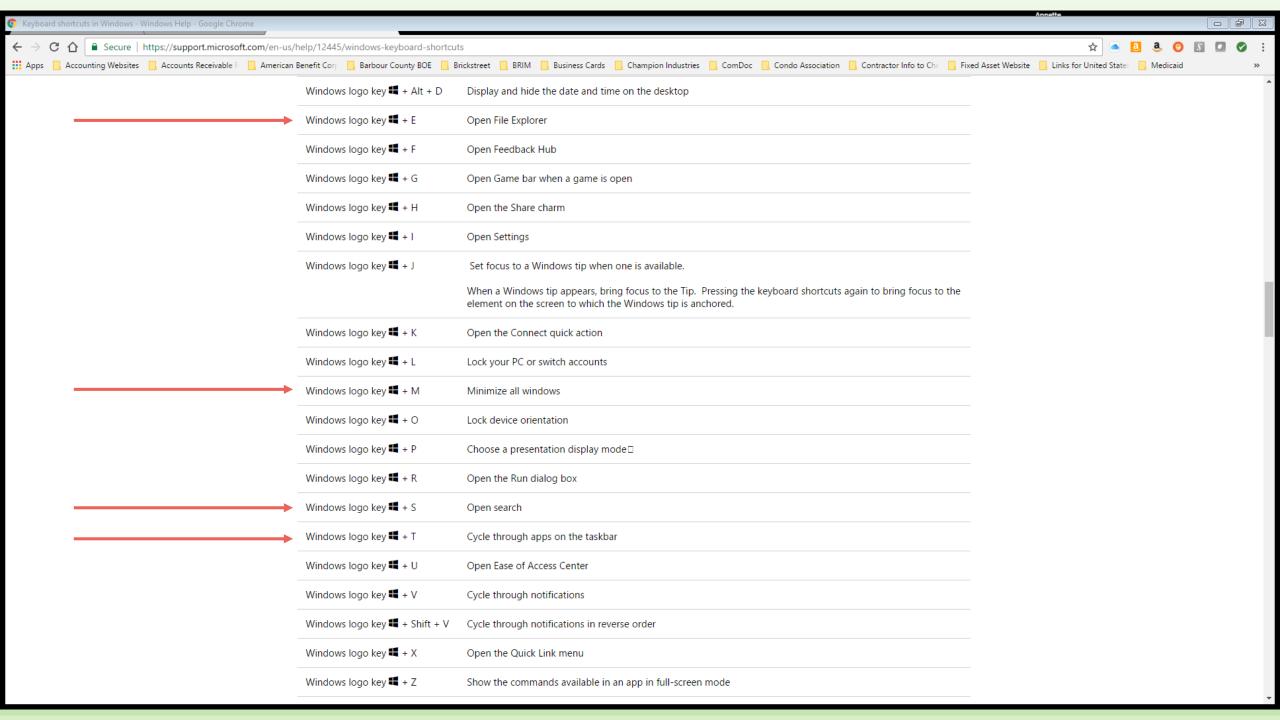


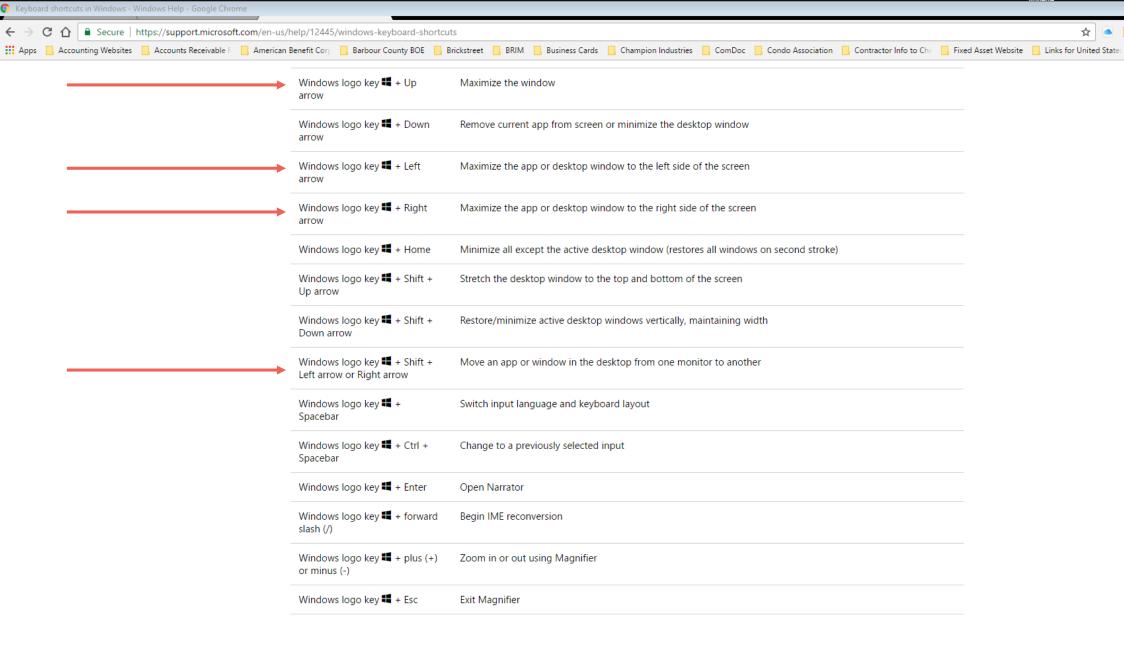
See next page for a video of a Macro recording.



Shortcut Keys

- This is a link for Shortcut Keys https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12445/windows-keyboard-shortcuts for
 - General Keyboard Shortcuts
 - Windows Logo Key Keyboard Shortcuts
 - Command Prompt Keyboard Shortcuts
 - File Explorer Keyboard Shortcuts
 - Virtual Desktops Keyboard Shortcuts
 - Taskbar Keyboard Shortcuts
 - Settings Keyboard Shortcuts
- A few Windows Logo shortcuts that you might use are on the next slides.





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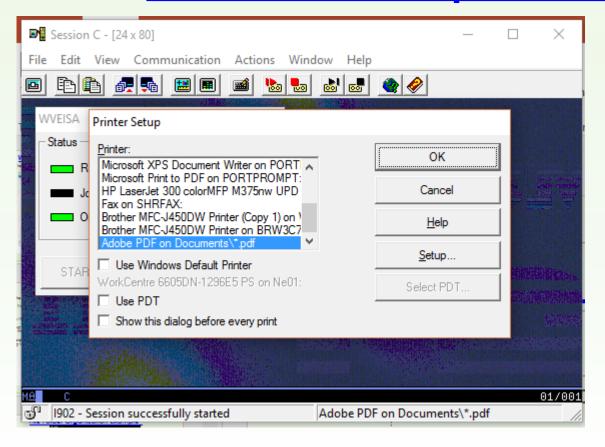
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Command Prompt keyboard shortcuts

Windows Explorer Shortcut Keys that You May Use

- Create a new folder, "Cltrl + Shift + N"
- Display the preview panel, "Alt + P"
- Maximize or minimize the active window, "F11"

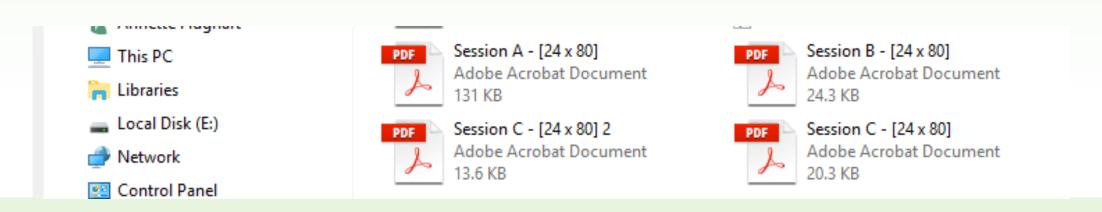
Print WVEIS Reports to PDF Instead of Printer



- Open WVEIS printer session.
- Left click on File, then
 Printer Setup.
- In the printer dropdown choose Adobe PDF (this will be an option if you have Adobe Pro) or Microsoft Print to PDF.

Set-Up Dummy Files on Desktop to Print WVEIS Report

- Sometimes when we print WVEIS reports we don't need to keep them. We may be just checking balances or looking at account detail.
- Set-up dummy files on desktop to print WVEIS reports to when the files don't need saved with a specific name.
- I have two WVEIS green screens and one WVEIS printer screen. The dummy file names I have set-up on my desktop are the same names of each of the WVEIS screens:

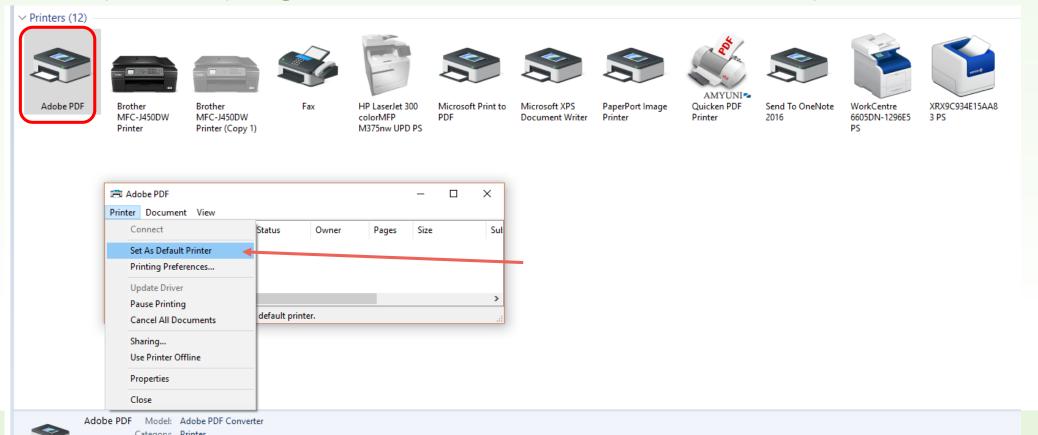


Default Print Drivers to Print to PDF

- In the Windows search field in the bottom left hand corner of computer screen, type Devices and Printers.
- Double click on the Printer named Adobe PDF.

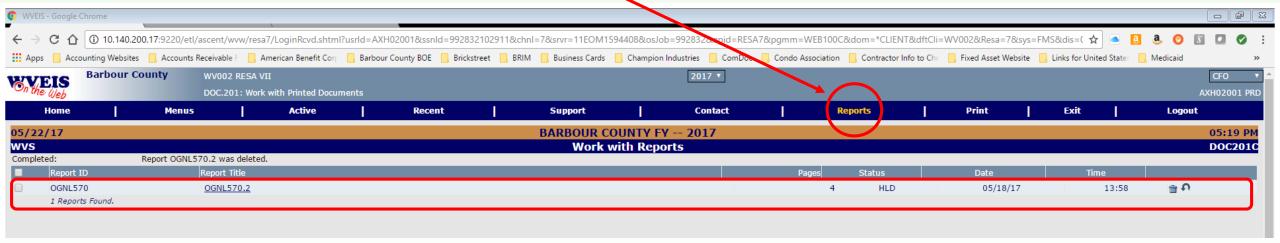
Status: 0 document(s) in queue

In the Adobe PDF Printer window, click on Printer, then "Set As Default Printer".
 This will print all programs to PDF instead of an actual printer.



Print WVEIS Reports to PDF through WVEIS WOW

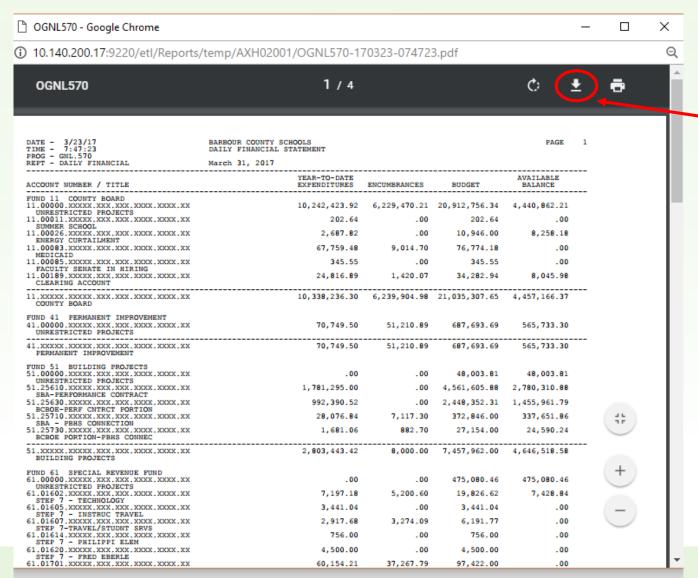
- It is possible to print WVEIS green screen reports to PDF through WVEIS WOW. I can't take credit for this one, Ann Bell gets the credit for this tip.
- Run your report in WVEIS green screen and put the report on hold.
- Open WVEIS WOW and go to the "Reports" Tab and you will see the report that you put on hold in the green screen.



• Now click on the report.

Print WVEIS Reports to PDF through WVEIS WOW (contd.)

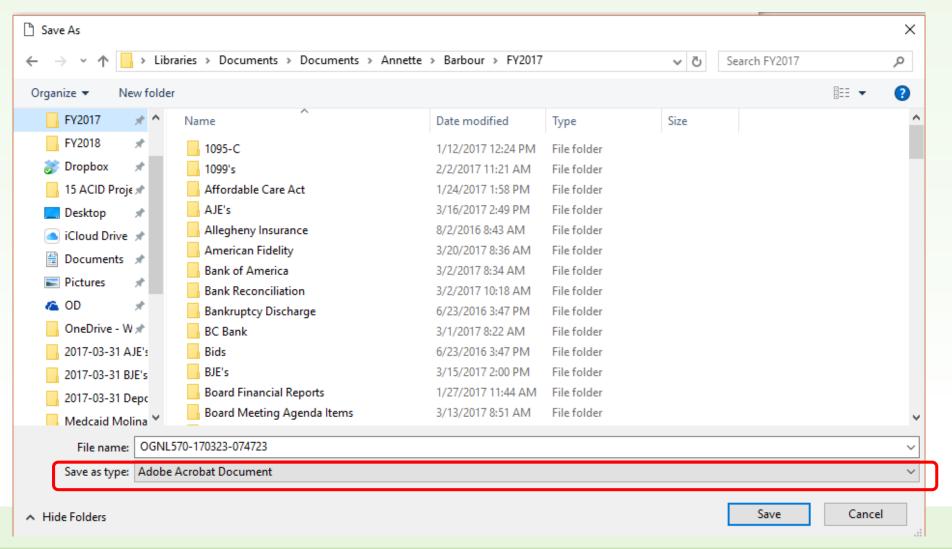
This is the screen that comes up when you click on the report in WVEIS WOW.

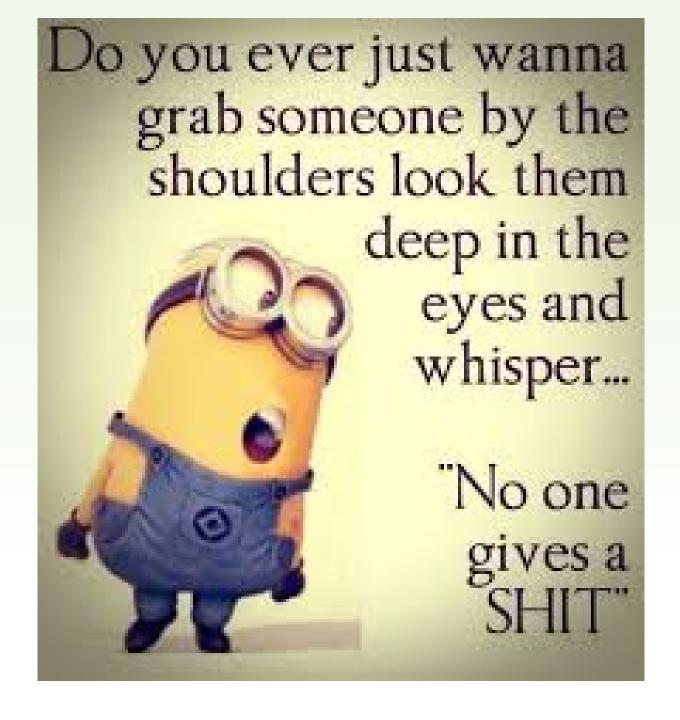


Click the Download Arrow.

Print WVEIS Reports to PDF through WVEIS WOW (contd.)

 This should be the screen that comes up to save the file as a pdf. The Save as type should come up as Adobe Acrobat Document.





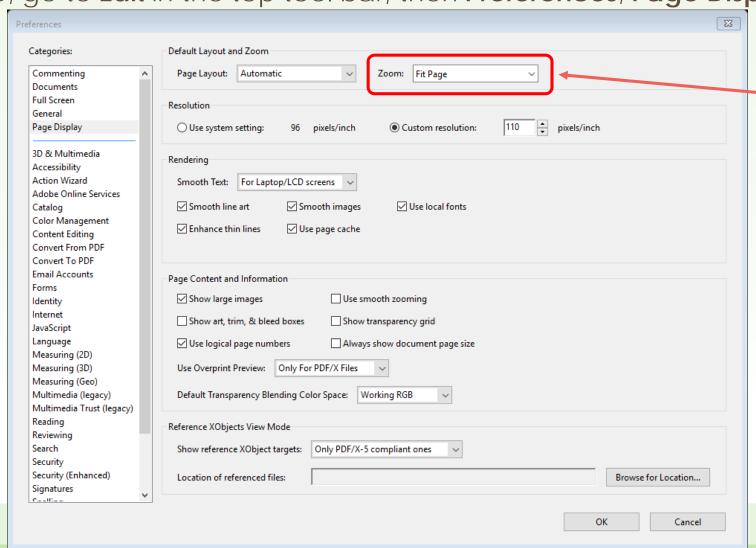
Adobe Acrobat Files Open WAY TOO LARGE

• It used to drive me crazy to open an Adobe Acrobat file only to have it display REALLY LARGE.

There is a way to change the zoom when Adobe Acrobat Pro opens files.

• In Adobe Acrobat Pro, go to Edit in the top tool bar, then Preferences, Page Display. Change

Zoom to "Fit Page".



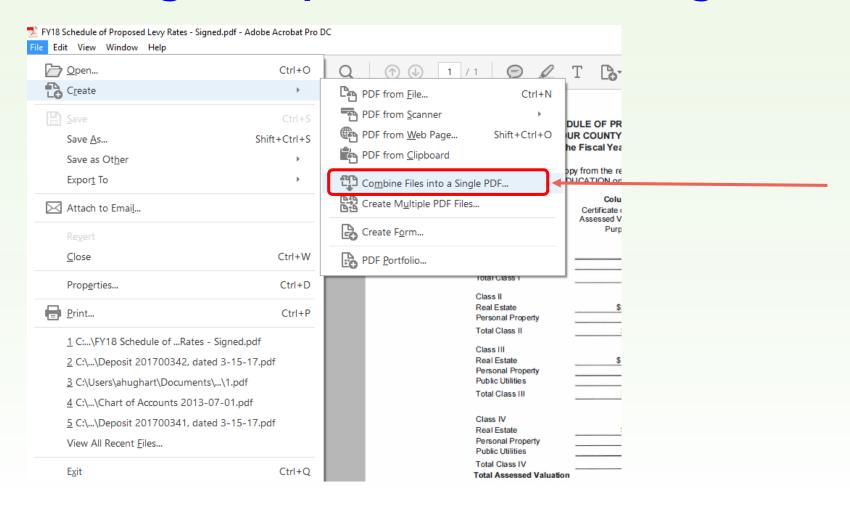
Adobe Pro Bookmarks and Links

- I can't say enough positive things about Adobe Pro. I couldn't live without it.
- Bookmarks are a great feature when you use files electronically.
- Our Chart of Accounts is a good example:
- Chart of Accounts (right click and select Open Hyperlink)
- Our Board Agenda's are done in PDF using Adobe Pro with links throughout <u>Ag.03.13.17.pdf</u>
- The Educator Price for Adobe Acrobat Pro DC is \$119.00, http://www.adobe.com/products/catalog/software._sl_idcontentfilter_sl_catalog_sl_education_sl_alledu.edu.html?start=10
 - If the \$119.00 doesn't show up on the website, call them, it is available. Sometimes the monthly fee amount only shows up but you can buy it out right for \$119.00.
- The program is worth the cost. You will save that much just in paper and toner.

WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO SLAP SOMEONE, DO IT AND SAY "MOSQUITO"



Combining Multiple Files into a Single PDF

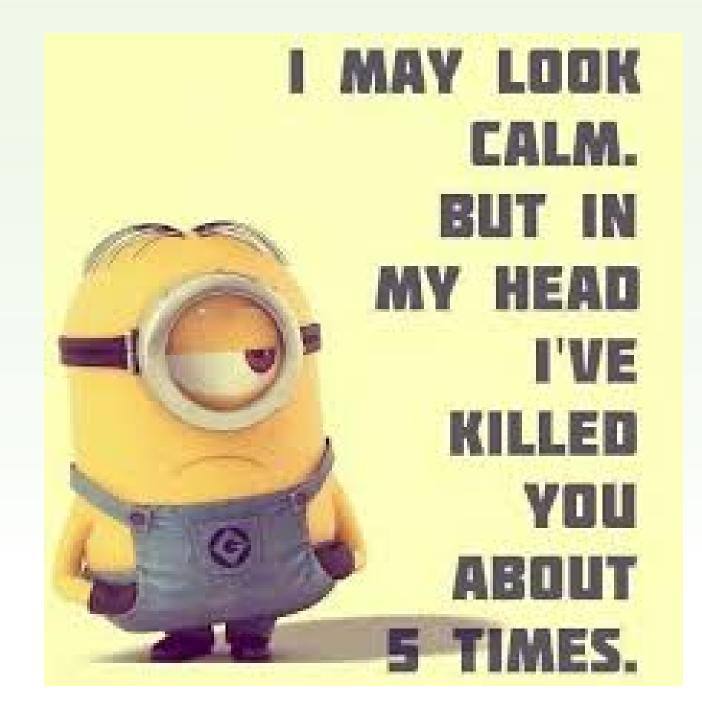


• The next slide is a video of combining multiple files of different types into a single PDF.



Adobe Pro

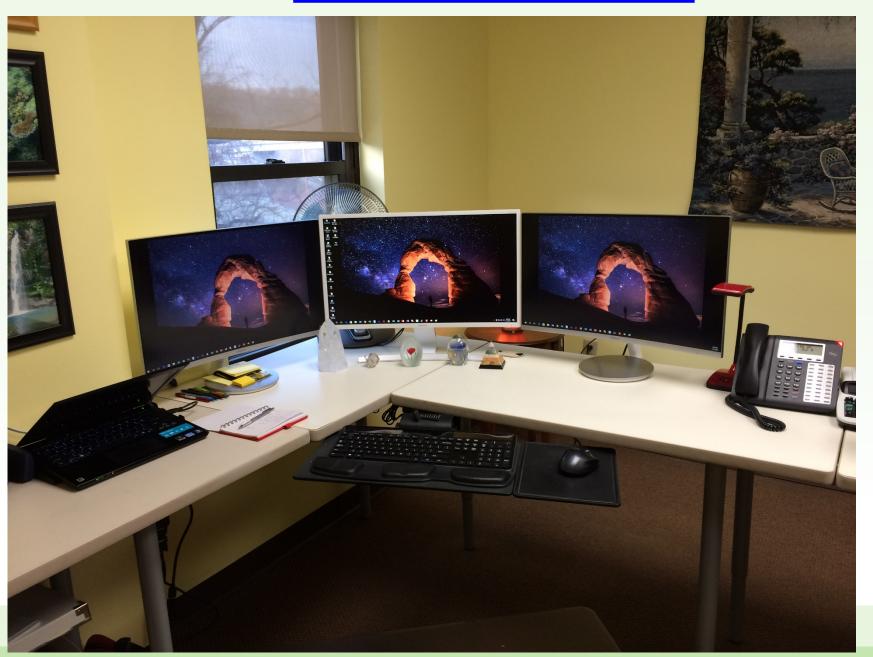
- To replace existing pages in an Adobe file, open the Page Thumbnails, then
 in the Thumbnails highlight the pages you want to replace (make sure
 replacement pages are the same number of pages), then right click on the
 thumbnail highlighted pages and choose, Replace Pages.
- Extracting pages from an Adobe file is done through the **Page Thumbnails** as well. Just right click and choose **Extract Pages** and the highlighted pages will open in a separate file, then you can save the extracted pages in a new file.
- Delete pages can also be done through the Page Thumbnails. Right Click and choose Delete Pages. This will delete the pages that you highlighted in the thumbnail.
- Page Labels can be used to number pages through the Page Thumbnails.
 Right Click and choose Page Labels.
 - I use this feature on all of my year-end work papers. Instead of at the top where it would say 1 of 6 pages, mine will say A-1, A-2, A-3, etc. which correspond to other work paper tick marks.



Multiple Monitors

- To go paperless, you will need multiple monitors. I have 3 27-inch curved monitors.
 - Curved monitors flow better for the eyes and have become pretty cheap.
- Even with 3 monitors, there are times I need 6 but manage with 3.
- It is best to have all of your monitors the same size.
- It becomes cumbersome to have monitors of different sizes since moving a screen from one monitor to another monitor will require you to more than likely resize the screen to fit the monitor.
- When all monitors are the same size, you can slide a screen to a different monitor and not have to resize the screen.
- The next slide is a picture of my monitors. You will notice that the center screen is an HDMI (clarity is much better). I need to order adapters for the other two monitors to make them HDMI.

Picture of Monitors



How to Extend the Screen for a Laptop Connected to a Projector

- When connecting your laptop to a projector for a business presentation, you can
 display the screen image in a variety of ways, such as sending the image only to the
 projector or projecting the same image to both screens. However, to maximize your
 available screen area, extend your screen so the laptop and projector each display
 a portion of the overall image. Extending your screen lets you keep windows on your
 laptop screen and only drag them to the projector screen when they become
 relevant.
- Click the Windows orb on the taskbar to open the Start menu.
- Type "screen resolution" into the search box in the lower-left corner of the Start menu. A list of search results automatically appear on the left side of the Start menu. Click "Adjust screen resolution" in the list of search results to open the Screen Resolution dialog box.
- Click the drop-down box labeled "Multiple displays" to open a drop-down menu.
- Click "Extend these displays" to expand your screen across the laptop and projector.
- Click "OK" to apply your changes and close the dialog box.