

# FCPS Budget Update

Fairfax County Public School is facing approximately \$176 million dollars in cuts to balance the FY2011 budget.

A "strawman" has been presented by Superintendent Jack Dale for discussion purposes (see back). Among proposed cuts are:

- increase class size by 1 student per class across the board (and 3 per class at GT centers),
- elimination of elementary band/strings programs
- eliminate all-day kindergarten at all but Title I schools
- eliminate elementary school foreign language programs (FLES and Immersion)

## What can you do?

- \* **See the budget documents (including the 10/19 "strawman")**  
**<http://tinyurl.com/October19Board-docs>**

- \* **Attend the Final Community Input Meeting on the budget**  
**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

- Kings Park Library
- Sherwood Regional Library
- George Mason Regional Library

- \* **Attend a School Board Meeting or Budget Work Session**

Next School Board Meeting: NOVEMBER 5

The school board work sessions are open for the public to observe, but no comments are allowed. These sessions allow you to see which board members are championing your causes! Next scheduled work session: NOVEMBER 9

- \* **Complete a budget feedback form at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget)**

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**Join Spring Hill and Colvin Run parents in a Question and Answer session with Janie Strauss on December 7, 2009 at Colvin Run Elementary, 7:00 pm (more info to follow)**

Following is a list of potential program reductions and or eliminations that may be considered as the FY 2011 budget is being developed. This list is the starting point for discussions and no decisions have been made. This list is not comprehensive and is intended to begin the discussion of the impact of potential reductions that may be required to meet FCPS' projected deficit of \$176 million.

For the latest information on the FCPS budget, please visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>

Program	Impact	Position Estimate	Estimate (in millions)
Activity and Athletic Fees	\$100 per sport/per student	0	\$1.2
Driver's Education	Eliminate financial support for the administration of Behind the Wheel	0	\$0.3
Test Fees for AP/IB/SAT	Revenue generated by charging test fees (amounts to be determined: for example, charging \$50 for the first test and \$100 for two or more tests)	0	\$1.0
Alternative High Schools	Eliminate one alternative high school	18	\$1.0
Class Size	Increase by 1 student	315	\$19.1
Class Size at Advanced Academic Center	Increase by 2 students (3 students total)	6	\$0.4
Assistant Principals	10% Reduction	40	\$3.5
Instructional Supplies	15% Reduction	0	\$4.5
Instructional Assistants	20% Reduction	56	\$1.5
Poverty Based Staffing	Eliminate	316	\$19.8
Fine Arts	Eliminate Elementary Band and Strings	117	\$7.0
Foreign Language Immersion	Eliminate	31	\$1.4
Foreign Language in the ES (FLES)	Eliminate	37	\$2.0
Full Day Kindergarten	Reduce from 101 schools to 34 Title I schools	286	\$13.3
Modified Calendar	Eliminate	7	\$0.6
Excel (20 Schools)	Eliminate	0	\$1.2
Summer School	Eliminate general education summer school	0	\$7.8
Autism Ratios	Increase student teacher ratios for level 2 autism from 2.25:1 to 3:1	118	\$3.1
Activities and Athletics	10% reduction (approximately equivalent to two sports)	0	\$1.8
School-Based Technology Specialists	50% reduction	118	\$8.3
Teacher Leadership	Eliminate	0	\$2.9
Custodians	10% Reduction	134	\$3.0
National Board Certified Teacher Stipend and Tuition Reimbursements	Eliminate	2	\$2.4
Guidance, Psychologists and Social Workers	10% Reduction	54	\$3.1
Internal Audit	50% Reduction	2	\$0.2
Buses	Eliminate new bus purchases	0	\$1.1
Equipment Replacement Funding	50% Reduction	0	\$2.0
Preventative Maintenance	Eliminate 1 year of 10-year funded plan	0	\$1.0
Department Non School Based Staffing	5% Reduction (15% over three years)	85	\$5.0