

BUDGET Update

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Introduction

On January 11, 2007, FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale presented the FCPS proposed FY 2008 budget to the School Board.

This Week's Topic:

FCPS' FY 2008 Proposed Budget Reflects Fairfax County School Board's Beliefs, Vision, Mission, and Student Achievement Goals

"The proposed \$2.2 billion FCPS budget for FY 2008 aligns with the School Board's new strategic governance initiative, which was developed as a result of community input, that highlights new student achievement goals to prepare all students for the 21st century workplace," says Dr. Dale. "The goals focus on academics, essential life skills, and responsibility to the community."

FCPS is attempting to hold the line and has prepared this budget with serious consideration of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' request to limit its transfer increase because of anticipated decreases in tax revenues. There are no new programs in the proposed budget. However, the budget does include funds to expand full-day kindergarten to 21 additional elementary schools, to expand the foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) program to 16 additional schools, to cover an increase in the number of students receiving special education and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) services, to continue implementation of the FCPS 24-7 Learning program, to expand the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program and to expand the Applied Behavioral Analysis-Verbal Behavior secondary program.

The School Board's new strategic governance initiative includes new beliefs, vision, and mission statements and student achievement goals to provide a more concentrated focus on student achievement and to establish clearer accountability. The new student achievement goals include continued rigorous academics that exceed the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and continue the FCPS tradition of offering an exceptional education to all students.

More information about the School Board's new strategic governance initiative including the new beliefs, vision, and mission statements and student achievement goals can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/sg/index.htm>.

The School Board has scheduled a work session on the FY 2008 budget for Monday, February 5. Members of the public may comment on budget priorities at School Board public hearings on January 29, May 16, and, if needed, May 17, 2007, at Jackson Middle School. The School Board is scheduled to adopt the FY 2008 advertised budget at its February 7, 2007, meeting and will present it to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 10.

More Information About Budget Matters

For information about schools and programs: www.fcps.edu

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