

Update



**Building the Future...
Child by Child**
FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduction

On January 11, 2007, FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale presented the FCPS proposed FY 2008 budget of \$2.2 billion to the School Board. At its meeting on February 7, the School Board adopted the FY 2008 advertised budget. The budget process is driven by the School Board's beliefs, vision, and mission statements and student achievement goals. Resources are identified and aligned to promote student achievement and to meet the School Board's goals as FCPS is Building the Future... Child by Child.

This Week's Topic:

Full-Day Kindergarten Expansion Supports Belief in Children

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) continues to be a world-class school system by constantly reevaluating what the school system does and finding ways to do it better. As a result of community input, the School Board adopted new beliefs, vision, and mission statements and student achievement goals to prepare students for the 21st century workforce. The FY 2008 advertised budget encompasses FCPS' newly formed beliefs.

To support the School Board's first stated belief, we believe in our children, funding of \$5.6 million is proposed to expand full-day kindergarten to an additional 21 elementary schools.* This initiative will align FCPS with best practices, support equal access, and provide additional learning opportunities for students to acquire greater literacy and math skills. This expansion will result in full-day kindergarten being offered in 94 elementary schools in FCPS.

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>.

Members of the public may comment on budget priorities at School Board public hearings on May 16, and, if needed, May 17, 2007, at Jackson Middle School. The School Board will present its FY 2008 advertised budget to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 10.

* The following elementary schools are included in the proposal for full-day kindergarten expansion: Aldrin, Bonnie Brae, Bull Run, Cardinal Forest, Centreville, Clermont, Cub Run, Cunningham Park, Dranesville, Fairfax Villa, Fort Hunt, Island Creek, Keene Mill, Lane, Lees Corner, Little Run, Marshall Road, Olde Creek, Rolling Valley, Stenwood, and Westgate Elementary Schools.

More Information About Budget Matters

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