

BUDGET Update

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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:

Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools Expansion Directly Supports Student Achievement Goal 1.2

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 student achievement goals to prepare students for the 21st century workforce. The FY 2008 advertised budget recognizes and begins to fund initiatives that support the School Board's student achievement goals.

To support the School Board's student achievement goal 1.2, which states that **students will communicate in at least two languages**, funding of \$0.7 million is provided for a 0.5 position at 16 schools and 1.0 resource teacher for the first phase of a multiyear plan to expand the foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) program. This program provides students with language learning early enough to acquire communicative competence in English and one or more other languages as required. FLES is provided at nine elementary schools currently, and the 16 additional school sites will be evaluated and determined in spring 2007.

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/schlbds/g/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.



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