

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: Expansion of Positive Behavior Support Strengthens School Board's Student Achievement Goal Regarding Essential Life Skills

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.

Efforts to support the School Board's student achievement goal for essential life skills – all students will demonstrate the aptitude, attitude, and skills to lead responsible, fulfilling, and respectful lives – include the funding of \$0.3 million to continue Positive Behavior Support (PBS) in 71 schools and expand it to 120 schools.

PBS helps schools develop and implement schoolwide models to support changes in student behavior. Such changes will support the School Board's further defined goal for essential life skills: Working in partnership with school and family, students will:

- 2.1 Demonstrate sound moral character and ethical judgment:
 - 2.1.1. Model honesty and integrity.
 - 2.1.2. Take responsibility for their actions.
 - 2.1.3. Keep their promises and commitments.
 - 2.1.4. Respect people, property, and authority.
 - 2.1.5. Exercise good stewardship of the environment.
 - 2.1.6. Protect others' health and safety.
 - 2.1.7. Show respect and understanding for the interests and opinions of others.
 - 2.1.8. Be capable of placing their own self interests in perspective with the interests of others.

The PBS program was partially funded through the Sliver grant, which has ended.

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.

More Information About Budget Matters

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