

# BUDGET Update

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Building the Future...  
Child by Child

FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Fairfax County  
Public Schools  
Fairfax, Virginia



## Introduction

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, to fulfill the School Board's beliefs and vision, and to meet the School Board's goals as FCPS is Building the Future. . .Child by Child.

## This Week's Topic:

### Funding for Career and Technical Education Academies Will Meet Membership Growth in Health Care Courses and Support School Board Vision Statements and Student Achievement Goals

The FY 2008 advertised budget recognizes and begins to fund initiatives that support the School Board's student achievement goals. The School Board also adopted new beliefs and vision statements, which verbalize the School Board's and the school system's value system. The vision expresses both aspiration and inspiration.

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**—as well as School Board vision statements include the funding of \$0.1 million for 1.3 teacher positions for the Career and Technical Education academies to meet membership growth in health care courses. A high school academy is a center within an existing high school that offers advanced technical and specialized courses that successfully integrate career and academic preparation.

Membership growth in Career and Technical Education academy health care courses fulfills two parts of the School Board's vision statement:

**Looking to the Future:** FCPS prepares all students for the world of the future by giving them a broad spectrum of opportunities to prepare for education and employment beyond high school. All graduates are productive and responsible members of society, capable of competing in the global economy and motivated to pursue learning throughout their lifetimes.

**Achievement:** Fairfax County students achieve at high levels across a broad spectrum of pursuits. FCPS values a well-rounded education that goes beyond basics and encompasses the arts, literacy, technology, and preparation for the world of work. FCPS provides a breadth and depth of opportunities to allow all students to stretch their capabilities.

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/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

For information about schools and programs: [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

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