

# 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:

Alternative Schools, Autism Programs, and Gifted and Talented Resource Program Consider Students Child by Child

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 funds initiatives that support the School Board's student achievement goals.

Efforts to support the School Board's student achievement goals for academics, essential life skills, and responsibility to the community include the funding for alternative school programs, applied behavioral analysis and verbal behavior secondary expansion, and the gifted and talented resource program.

Funding of \$1.0 million is provided for 10.0 positions and associated costs to establish a second achievement, integrity, and maturity (AIMS) program site at Mountain View. This program expands the capacity to serve expelled students who previously attended a day program at Richard Milburn Alternative High School.

Funding of \$0.2 million is included for training, materials, and consultant fees for middle and high school autism teachers for the applied behavioral analysis and verbal behavior (ABA/VB) secondary program. Additional teacher training is necessary to meet the increasing enrollment in the middle and high school autism programs.

Based on the success of the Young Scholars program and the increase in gifted and talented (GT) services being provided to underrepresented populations in the schools, funding of \$0.1 million is provided for an additional 2.0 GT resource teacher positions. This continues the commitment to increase the number of resource teachers so that each teacher serves no more than two schools.

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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