

# 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. On April 10, Dan Storck, School Board chair, presented this FY 2008 advertised budget to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. 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 and Fairfax County work together Building the Future. . . Child by Child.

## This Week's Topic:

### FCPS and Fairfax County Together Support Building the Future. . .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.

Real and personal property tax dollars are the primary revenue sources for Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors approves a transfer from county funds to FCPS to finance the School Operating Fund. The County General Fund transfer (local tax dollars) will provide 73.7 percent of the School Operating Fund's revenue. The FY 2008 transfer is projected to increase by \$70.4 million or 4.6 percent over the FY 2007 approved budget plus an additional \$8.0 million that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has dedicated to the Initiative for Excellence-Teacher Salary Enhancements, for a total transfer increase of 5.1 percent.

When compared with other school divisions in Virginia, Fairfax County funds a much larger portion of its school budget with local funds. The average Virginia school division receives approximately half of its financial support from its local government, while FCPS must rely on local funds for almost three-quarters of its budget. Conversely, FCPS receives only 20 percent of its funding from the state, significantly less than the average 43 percent share other Virginia school divisions receive.

Working together Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County support the future of our residents and their children. We are all Building the Future . . . Child by Child.

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 presented its FY 2008 advertised budget to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 10.

## More Information About Budget Matters

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