

BUDGET Update

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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 Student Academic Achievement Measures High

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.

FCPS is focused on excellence in the classroom. Despite the size and diversity of FCPS, the SAT scores of its students are consistently well above state and national averages. FCPS students also score high when compared with other local jurisdictions.

The SAT is just one of the many measures of academic achievement at which FCPS students do well. Based on the 2006 *Newsweek* rankings, FCPS schools are in the top 3 percent of all American high schools measured by their student participation in Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams. Every eligible FCPS high school made the list, with four schools ranked in the top 100 nationwide. FCPS also had 200 students named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2006. Equally impressive is the fact that 93 percent of all FCPS graduates continue their education.

FCPS also received a Gold Medal rating from *Expansion Management* magazine in their 2006 rankings through which more than 2,800 school systems, with a combined enrollment of over 36 million students, were evaluated. The ratings are based on performance in three areas: graduate outcome, resources invested in the classroom, and community characteristics. FCPS has received *Expansion Management* magazine's top rating of Gold Medal District every year since the ratings began in 1990.

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

More Information About Budget Matters

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