

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. 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 Membership Mirrors the Community

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.

Our schools and our students reflect the changing world in which we live. Our community is very different today than even ten years ago. In FY 2008, \$1.3 million and 47.0 positions are required to accommodate membership adjustments. FCPS' total projected membership for FY 2008 is 164,490.

Today, approximately one in five FCPS students is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and, in FY 2008, 22,534 students are projected to receive English for speakers of other languages instruction.

Preparing our students to succeed in our changing world involves tailoring programs to the needs of individual students with different skill sets and from many different backgrounds. Our community and the future of our students demand that we offer a different education than ever before to meet the School Board's beliefs, vision, mission, and student achievement goals.

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

For information about schools and programs: www.fcps.edu

For current budget information: www.fcps.edu/fs

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