

BUDGET Update

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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 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: School Board Adopts FY 2008 Approved Budget

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.

Recognizing and funding initiatives that support the School Board's student achievement goals, the FY 2008 approved budget provides funding for expansion of full-day kindergarten to 21 additional elementary schools and of the foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) program to 16 additional schools. Aside from the expansion of some existing programs, no new programs are included in the \$2.2 billion budget.

FY 2008 approved expenditure adjustments for compensation and benefits were detailed in the May 18 *Budget Update* and include higher salaries for teachers, which will take effect July 1 as part of the Initiative for Excellence. The beginning teacher salary will increase to \$43,911, and a teacher with a master's degree will receive an increased supplement as FCPS strives to remain competitive in the market. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has committed to providing an additional \$8.0 million to complete the Initiative for Excellence.

Salaries for entry-level instructional assistants will be increased; an instructional assistant will receive one year of teacher service credit for every three years of full-time service as an FCPS instructional assistant to encourage instructional assistants to seek teaching certificates.

A market-scale adjustment of \$33.4 million will provide a 2.0 percent market-scale salary increase for all employees, and eligible employees will also receive a step increase.

As the fifth year of a six-year commitment, an additional 0.5 percent of the employee retirement contribution to the VRS will be paid by FCPS.

The School Board adopted its FY 2008 approved budget on May 24.

More Information About Budget Matters

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