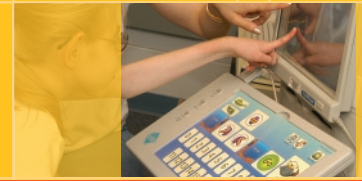


# Budget Update

April 11, 2008



**Building the Future...  
Child by Child**  
FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Introduction

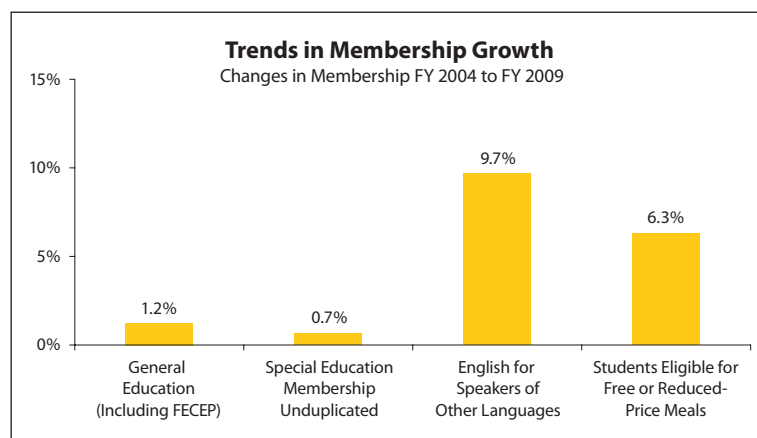
On February 14, 2008, the School Board adopted the FY 2009 advertised budget, which Dan Storck, School Board chair, presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on April 1. Following three days of public hearings about the Fairfax County budget, the Board of Supervisors is now deliberating and deciding how much it can allocate to the schools through the county transfer. That decision will be made public on April 28. This is an extremely difficult budget year for the school system and the county. Both groups are working together to support our children and their future.

## This Week's Topic: FCPS Student Membership Reflects Our Community

Fairfax County is large and diverse. Fairfax County Public Schools mirrors that increasing size and diversity. Our schools and our students reflect the changing world in which we live. In the last five years, the number of general education students, the number of special education students, the number of English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) services, and the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals have all increased. ESOL student membership has increased by almost 10 percent in that five-year period, and the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals has increased by more than 6 percent in those five years.

For FY 2009, FCPS projects that 14.1 percent of our students will receive special education services and 13.2 percent of our students will receive ESOL services. In addition 20 percent of FCPS' students will be eligible for free or reduced-price meals

To prepare all our students to succeed in our changing world means tailoring programs to the needs of individual students with different skill sets and from many different backgrounds. Our community and



our students' future success demand that we offer each child the best education to promote student achievement and to meet the School Board's student achievement goals.

Members of the public may comment on budget priorities at School Board public hearings on May 14, and, if needed, May 15, 2008, at Jackson Middle School.

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## Next Week's Topic: FCPS Maintains High Student Achievement With Moderate Per-Pupil Costs

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