

# Budget Update

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## Introduction

On January 10, 2008, FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale presented the FCPS proposed FY 2009 budget to the School Board.

## This Week's Topic: FCPS' FY 2009 Proposed Budget Still Reflects Fairfax County School Board's Beliefs, Vision, Mission, and Student Achievement Goals

"The proposed \$2.3 billion FCPS budget for FY 2009 was again crafted to align with the School Board's strategic governance initiative, which was developed with community input and outlines student achievement goals to prepare all students for the 21st century workplace," says Dr. Dale. "The goals focus on academics, essential life skills, and responsibility to the community."

This will be a tough budget year. FCPS is eliminating, streamlining, and reducing programs to make sure every dollar is spent wisely and effectively and has prepared this budget with serious consideration of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' request to limit its transfer increase because of anticipated decreases in tax revenues. As was true last year, there are no new programs in the proposed budget. However, the budget does include funds to expand full-day kindergarten to 21 additional elementary schools, to expand the foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) program, and to replace the student information system (SAS).

The FCPS budget for FY 2009 represents a 3.3 percent increase over the FY 2008 approved budget. An additional 2,549 students have enrolled in FCPS and once FCPS funds its priorities, the school system faces a \$100 million dollar deficit. Future Budget Updates will address proposed reductions.

The School Board's strategic governance initiative includes beliefs, vision, and mission statements and student achievement goals to provide a more concentrated focus on student achievement and to establish clearer accountability. The student achievement goals include continued rigorous academics that exceed the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and continue the FCPS tradition of offering an exceptional education to all students.

More information about the School Board's strategic governance initiative including the beliefs, vision, and mission statements and student achievement goals can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/sg/index.htm>.

The School Board has scheduled a work session on the FY 2009 budget for Monday, January 28. Members of the public may comment on budget priorities at School Board public hearings on February 6, May 14, and, if needed, May 15, 2008, at Jackson Middle School. The School Board is scheduled to adopt the FY 2009 advertised budget at its February 14, 2008, meeting and will present it to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 1.

## Next Week's Topic: FCPS' FY 2009 Proposed Budget Aligns Cost-Saving Initiatives With Fiscal Realities and School Board Priorities

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