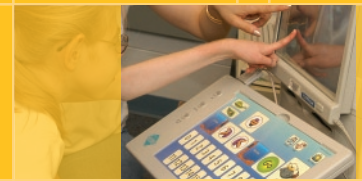


Budget Update

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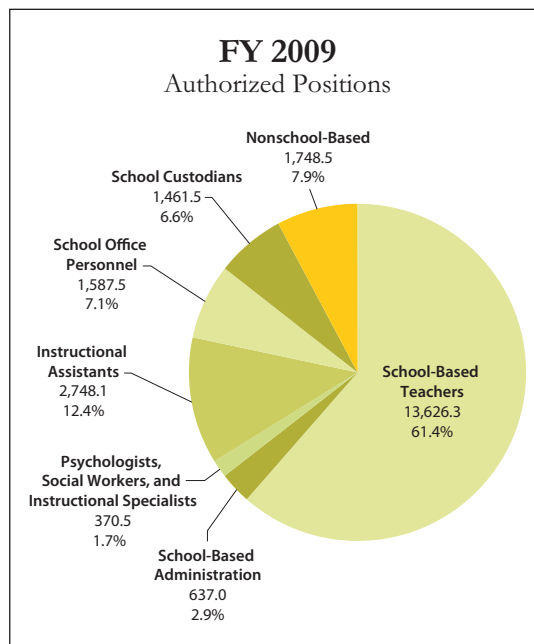
Introduction

On February 14, 2008, the School Board adopted the FY 2009 advertised budget. The FY 2009 advertised operating budget totals \$2.3 billion, which is an increase of \$75.5 million, or 3.5 percent over the FY 2008 approved budget and \$29.6 million, or 1.3 percent, over the FY 2008 estimate.

This Week's Topic: FCPS Employs Both School-Based and Nonschool-Based Personnel

In FY 2009, FCPS expects to employ 22,179.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. 92.1 percent of these positions, or 20,430.9, are in classrooms and school buildings directly serving the needs of our students. The remaining 1,748.5 positions are nonschool-based and represent 7.9 percent of operating positions.

In FY 2009, the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions is expected to decrease by 81.2 from the FY 2008 estimate. This net decrease is primarily due to budget reductions of 344.8 positions offset by an increase of 227.6 positions for membership growth as well as 13.5 positions for foreign language in the elementary schools (FLES) and 37.0 additional positions for full-day kindergarten.



Nonschool-based positions are specialists and technicians, trades and security personnel, office assistants, administrators, transportation personnel, and custodians. Fifty percent of nonschool-based FTEs are tradespeople, security personnel, office assistants, transportation personnel, and custodians, representing 4 percent of total FCPS-funded positions. By contrast, administrators (Leadership Team, directors, and coordinators) represent less than 1 percent of total FCPS-funded positions.

Teachers make up the largest category of school-based positions. FCPS has more than 13,600 teacher positions, which include classroom teachers, special education teachers, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) and English as a second language (ESL) teachers, coaches, mentors, vocational education teachers, speech therapists, physical therapists, guidance counselors, librarians, homebound teachers under contract, music teachers, physical education teachers, and itinerant teachers.

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. The Board of Supervisors holds budget public hearings March 31-April 2, 2008. The School Board will present its FY 2009 advertised budget to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 1.

Next Topic: Fairfax County and FCPS Work Together to Support Our Children's Future

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