

**Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
Response to the FY09 Report of the
School Health Advisory Committee**

This serves as staff's response to the Fairfax County School Board's 2008-2009 school year School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) report. The Board charged the SHAC to "...continue to look into a comprehensive health plan and how the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) policies can be used to implement that plan". The SHAC submitted its report in a presentation to the Board on May 28, 2009. The School Board referred the report to the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) staff members for review and comments.

Staff's Response and Comments

SHAC is to be commended on its efforts in responding to the 2008-2009 school year charge. The 2009 Executive Summary for the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) reported on the work, activities and concerns of the committee. SHAC operated to increase its members' understanding of school health issues and responded to situations related to health that were impacted by the school budget crisis. The committee made no formal recommendations. The Department of Special Services (DSS) looks forward to continued collaboration with SHAC and will work towards increased capacity for focus on school health initiatives.