

Response to Questions on the FY 2012 Budget

Request By: Supervisor McKay

Question: Please provide an overview of the State funding issues that will potentially impact FCPS.

Response: The following response was prepared by Fairfax County Public Schools:

Amendments to the 2010-2012 Biennial Budget were presented by the Governor before a joint session of the Senate Finance, the House Appropriations, and the House Finance committees on December 17, 2010. The Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees each adopted separate changes on February 6, 2011. On February 27, 2011, the Budget Conference Report was approved providing a net increase of nearly \$75 million statewide for public education. State funding to FCPS will increase by \$4.2 million as compared to the Governor's Introduced Budget. Amendments to public education include:

- Increasing the VRS employer contribution rate from 3.93 percent to 6.33 percent.
- Continuing to allow localities the option of paying any portion of the 5.0 percent employee contribution for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010.
- Providing one-time supplemental funding for the state's share of a \$129.62 per pupil allocation.
- Increasing the cap for Governor's school by 50 to 1,650.
- Reducing the textbook per pupil allocation.
- Providing authority to Department of Education to adjust textbooks payments supported with Lottery funding in the event of a revenue shortfall in Lottery proceeds.

State funding to FCPS will result in a net increase of \$13.6 million in the School Operating Fund as compared to the FY 2012 Advertised Budget. The following chart illustrates the financial impact to FCPS' Advertised Budget for state aid.

FY 2012 Advertised State Aid and Sales Tax	\$442.1
Increase in State Aid and Updated Sales Tax Estimate	30.0
Net School Nurse Funding to County	(2.0)
Expenditure Impact (Virginia Retirement System Rate Increase)	(14.4)
Net State Funding in the School Operating Fund	\$455.7