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14	County and Schools	FOCUS A good move, it is about time the schools and the county get on the same sheet of music and consolidate into one financial system. Expensive yes but needed yes. Now, how about the same benefits and salaries for both groups.
15	County and Schools	Employees: Give everyone a cost of living increase or give no one more money. FCPS employees should not get a raise if county employees don't get one.
16	Schools	Flex Program: The county doesn't have the funds to do these type of programs. Honestly, exposing a small percentage of children to a few hours of a foreign language is not beneficial to all students. If parents really want some of these "extras" they should have to pay for them.
17	County	Massey Building Upgrade My house is older than the Massey building yet, since I am a county employee I don't have the luxury of upgrading my home for basic items such as roof repair, we no longer have a working air conditioner, no dishwasher and the floors all need new coverings. Why can the county consider such a huge expenditure but keep employees without a cost of living increase for three years. I pay more than 15% of my take home pay to taxes for my home. Don't spend my money on building improvements when I have to go without. I do realize that public buildings have more traffic but I have been a foster parent for both children and animals in the 20 plus years I have lived in Fairfax county; all of which takes just as much wear and tear on a private home.
18	County	Regarding where to spend the excess \$30 million. I think the County should follow FCPS's lead, and give the County employees a step increase. It will be 3 years since we have seen an increase in pay, and everything keeps going up. The bills are getting harder and harder to pay, not to mention the retirement calculations that we lose every year we are not granted a pay increase. Regarding the incinerator, Fairfax County should leave things the way they are.

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20	County and Schools	I would like to see the county support the funding increase requested by the Fairfax County School Board. The 3% increase in funding would help FCPS attract and keep the best teachers and administrators in the area instead of losing them to Loudoun or Alexandria Counties. In times of financial distress, shortchanging our children education only shortchanges our future.
21	Schools	I am in my tenth year of teaching for FCPS and have not had a pay increase for three of those years. Yet, I have experienced an increase in class size, including an increase in the number of ESOL students in my general education classroom who need the assistance of a trained ESOL teacher, but those positions were cut from our budget. The only way I could obtain an increase in pay was to complete a master's program, and now I have student loans to pay back for that. I am a single, divorced parent with two children, one of which is still in daycare. I cannot believe that we are possibly, once again, faced with another year without an increase in pay. At what point is appreciation and compensation shown to teachers?
22	County and Schools	Please put the \$30 million surplus in this budget towards FCPS. The Public Schools needs it to reduce class size and pay teachers. The result of real estate assessments rising and the fact that teachers have not had a raise or a step in three years, results in the county funding other projects on the backs of the teachers who live in your county.
23	Schools	Teachers have been and will continue to transfer out of the county in response to no cost of living or raise for the 4th year in a row. Teachers are also continually being told to do more. Teachers will not stay long in this environment. Long term, this will lead to a decline in school services and quality of education. The cost of all goods and services has greatly increased, and if you own a home in FFX county, you have seen the value greatly drop. Please consider even a cost of living increase for the teachers, or our county will no longer be a shining star in the country.
24	County and Schools	I think the County needs to be putting plans into place on how they will deal with employee compensation in the event of a rapid rise in inflation. I, and many others, are of the opinion that inflation is coming, on the order of 7%-10% per annum. You simply cannot expect county employees to continue to perform if their purchasing power is being eroded this way. We have already seen spikes in fuel and food prices.
25	County and Schools	Many private sector employees have taken 5-10% pay cuts or worse- lost their jobs. I do not believe that this is a time to offer any government employees (state, local, federal, teachers and especially administrators) any pay increases. I keep hearing our govt. officials talking/pumping up giving teachers raises -- I feel bad but I do not believe that 2 years without a raise is all that bad. They (& all state employees) have been enjoying both pay increases and cost of living raises for years. Private sector eliminate "cost of living" raises a decade (or longer) ago. I can't believe that Congress still passes this type of pay increase. It's absurd. Any increase in the budget should be used to help offset the projected increased school enrollment or in some way have a direct impact on our future leaders.

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26	Schools	The School Board will attempt to rally support for a larger transfer. For each person asking for an increase in school programs, please ask them whether they would support taking the funds from school central administration to fund their program.
27	County and Schools	Tony - nice to meet you at the Budget presentation at Gerry Hyland's district - you handle yourself very well - I have a couple of follow-up questions on budget - 1/ what are fringe benefit rates for County employees - 2/ what are they for Schools, if different; 3/ from the website, it looks like performance measures have lost favor since 2007 - is that whole strategic planning construct not as useful as it once was - or - maybe it never was all that valuable as a management tool in the first place? It seems to me the only way to help Schools is to get them to identify and use output measures - right now, they don't seem to have any - I was hoping if you found something that worked on the non-schools side of the County, it would be a useful starting point for Schools - maybe this is better suited to a conversation but I thought I would lay it out so you know why I was/am asking about performance measures at the meeting
28	County	Fairfax should consider carving out a small amount of the budget (say, 1% or \$33.8 million) and holding a county-wide referendum on how to spend that amount. No micro-managing, just allowing voters to choose one top-line item they would like to see the money go to -- Public Safety, Judicial Administration, Public Works, Health & Welfare, Parks & Libraries, Community Development, Schools, or paying down debt. The \$33.8 million would then be allocated in proportion to total votes. I suspect that how the county is spending money and how people would vote for money to be spent are significantly different.
29	County	Regarding the \$30 balance,,,apply it toward 2013 requirements. Don't spend it on 2012 expenses,
30	County	At a time of economic recovery, it is not appropriate to raise taxes. The federal government figured this out, the county needs to follow this guideline as well. In particular, bringing back the car decal tax should be scrapped. We don't need more fees to pay. In addition, since you have re-assessed properties to higher values, it would be appropriate to offset that increase with a lower tax rate for property taxes. It is more appropriate to reduce spending at this time, rather than increase taxes on the county residents. The county representatives need to prioritize the spending based on NEED vs want, and reduce spending on the niceties in the want list. This is what each of the families in the county have had to do with the current economic situation; we can't increase our income by getting money from others to be able to get the niceties - we need to cut spending to accommodate the income. I think the county needs to do the same.
31	County and Schools	Wisconsin has done the right thing. Stop spending money that you do not have in your hand. Follow N.J. Gov. Christy's lead; if you ain't got it, you don't spend it.
32	County and Schools	Well-Done Tony Griffin and staff! The 2012 budget report was very well done - transparent and understandable - thank you. I am on the MVCCA Education and also Health/Human Services Committees. I am also an advisory Board member for the Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health. Additionally, I and other board members started Nexus - an advocacy and discussion group for public-private sector folks interested in collaborating to improve mental health services for children and youth, per BOS-adopted, Beeman Commission recommendations. I am also a home-owning, property tax payer, retired from FCPS. I also experienced the

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		<p>budget crunch in the mid-nineties which directly affected my pay-check as it does other teachers today. I think this budget reflects a good balance as it is. Because I wear multiple hats, I see connections not silos in Fairfax County; and I advocate for maintaining the quality of life in Fairfax - especially Mount Vernon, while not over burdening property owners. The 2012 no-expansion budget does a good job of maintaining the quality of schools, safety and services. Both FCPS and county staff have done an important job of improving efficiencies and collaborating to strengthen services to children, adolescents and families. In this climate of working smarter and working better-together, the school side and the County side should not have to compete for dollars. Most agree that the three S's are the bedrock of the future in Fairfax - as the inter-relationships of strong schools, safety and services. With that said, I have a few questions concerning the balance and the seven choices presented on P. 19: I vote for # 4, State Revenue Loss and #5 Other priorities in the budget. It was my understanding from Dan Storck and Jack Dale that the FOCUS funds were gone after two years which was this year and the Priority Schools Plan replaced the need. If that is not so, we need to hear about it publicly. If # 4 and # 5 are not the chosen options then....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) What are the plans for making up the diminishing US Department of Ed (IDEA) funds or state Community Services Act (CSA) and Medicaid etc. funding that supports needy families, and through systems of care, school and county services? 2.) What about Intervention programs affecting schools, families and community? School mental and physical health and community programs are really one and the same in terms of priority. 3.) After school and early childhood programs, child care, foster, kinship care, ? 4.) Intellectual Disabilities support for students once they leave school? 5.) Behavioral health programs and emergency responsiveness for school aged students? The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Autistic Spectrum Services produced an interim report planning for community-based children's behavioral health services that was presented to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees 10/1/2010 (www.dbhs.virginia.gov). Findings included the report that all Virginia communities had an incomplete array of services compared to need- with major service gaps or not enough capacity. Areas of need that were noted were case management, outpatient therapy, home-based therapy and school-based therapy. Fairfax should be moving toward compliance, not away from it. 6.) What happens to the gap between the FCPS budget (\$2.2B increased at 3.6% = \$48.8M from FY 2011) and the County transfer a amount - flat from 2011? Hopefully we aren't robbing Peter to pay Paul. 7.) How does state unfunded pension liability of \$17B affect the FCPS and County budgets respectively? Payments are distributed across a 2-year cycle and included in the FCPS budget - is that not true? Superintendent Dale promised to submit a plan for full-day kindergarten in May 2011. 8.) How much do you estimate that will cost? Is it a necessary action in the next budget cycle or can costs be deferred? Food for Thought Re. Teacher salary Adjustments: from an internal public relations point of view, I understand Dale's promise several years ago to make this the year salary increases were budgeted and he fulfilled his promise, albeit perhaps not fiscally sound at this time. When we teachers went for years in the 90s with frozen salaries and no extra pay for after-hours and summer workshops we were required to attend, we survived. In fact, FEA survey results overwhelmingly affirmed that teachers would rather not have class size increased if it was a toss-up

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33	County	<p>Please extend full day kindergarten to ALL Fairfax county elementary school, including Kent Gardens.</p>
34	County and Schools	<p>I think the County Executive does a good job in balancing the fiscal resources that the county has with county needs, especially in these last few years with the economy having tumbled. I think the 30 million balances should be used to fund two proposals with an optional third: 1. With the 30 million balance and because I have read that the School Board has included in its budget raises for its employees, I think part of that balance should be used to fund a onetime bonus for county employees. It is hard to justify giving one set of employees' raises (schools) and not county employees since both work towards the betterment of Fairfax County and its residents. 2. In addition, a portion of the balance should be used to reduce the real estate tax rate by one cent. 3. I don't think additional funding should be given to the School Board since they already receive a transfer of over 50% of the county revenue. I think it is important to balance county resources amongst all services that are provided to residents - libraries, parks, human services, public safety. However, if the BOS considers increasing the transfer to the School Board, I think such a transfer should be specifically designated to fund full day kindergarten at schools where it does not already exist. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and for your consideration.</p>
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37	County	The health insurance premium holiday for county employees that was provided in 2010 and suggested for 2011 by the County Executive is not equitable across employees. The employees that are costing the county the most obtain the most benefit. If the County Executive and the BOS want to provide a perk for employees because health costs are increasing and there have been no raises for some time I would suggest something that is more equitable to employees - not based on the health coverage they have selected from the county.
38	County and Schools	I strongly believe that the FY 2012 budget should include the school board's request for additional funding. This funding is essential to giving teachers a much needed cost of living adjustment. Without it, the county is bound to lose some highly qualified teachers to other districts.
39	Don't Know	Why not license any animal in Fairfax county that is required to have a rabies shot. Currently the general fund get almost 900K from dogs my guess is the general fund could receive 3m if pets owners were access equal.
40	County	How can you want to raise Real Estate Taxes when a Fairfax residence needs assistance with flooding issues for the last 10 years and there never any money for our issues. WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING WITH OUR MONEY I SEE NO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY EXCEPT RUNNING THE MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE OUT. Also my spouse is an employee and no raises for the last 3yrs .Could you people start thinking about your employees. WE also feel the budget crushing us. How are we supposed to pay for increased real Estate Taxes with no increase in our paycheck. I bet the ones purposing this budget think they deserve a raise. This is not hurting you guys you have money. WE are just poor working class people. And we voted you people in how.....Never again
41	County and Schools	The County budget remains excessive. The county cannot continue to live beyond its means. The \$3.38 billion budget proposed misleads when it states it is a "Balanced, no expansion budget with no Real Estate tax rate increase". In fact the proposed budget will cost the average home owner an increase of \$110.55 in real estate taxes. This is a 2.34% increase over the FY 2011 average tax per household of \$4724.16. Inflation has been flat for two years. There has been no CPI increase. The county budget should reflect that reality. Please - No new taxes! The Board should move in this direction by using the FY 2012 Budget Proposal Balance of \$30 million to reduce the Real Estate Tax rate. The Board should agree to the proposed amendment to enact a figure of \$1.065 for the real estate tax rate.

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43	County and Schools	With gas prices nearing \$4/gallon the prudent thing to do is keep the \$30 Million for the extra cost in gas the county will certainly experience this year. Do not spend it on salaries or capital expenditures.
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56	County and Schools	Please provide our world-class school system all of the funding that is required to deal with increased costs associated with enrollment growth and employee compensation that will help us retain the very best teachers that make the difference for our children. I hope you will consider fully-funding the school budget as a first priority in your budget decisions to come. Stan Schoonover
57	County and Schools	I believe the County government and school employees should be treated the same with regards to compensation increases. As a county resident, I am opposed to taxes going towards one group of county employees and not the other.
58	County and Schools	How do the schools justify taking more than 52% of the budget? They should be held to no more than 50% of the budget. The county must provide services to all of the citizens of Fairfax county with less than half of the budget? To include all adults, emergency services, mental health, parks and recreation? The schools need to cut back, streamline and make better use of their resources or eliminate programs. I don't think they even count the "extra" that the schools or children get from the county such as school nurses, crossing guards, police at the high schools, head start, early intervention, health dept vaccinations, dept of family services child related programs. What % of the budget is really devoted to just children 60 - 70 %? What about adults in need or just regular people? I think the budget specifically needs to show how much money the county gives to directly support the schools such as school nurses so the public can see how grossly out of whack the school system is spending from the shared pot of money.
59	County and Schools	FOCUS A good move, it is about time the schools and the county get on the same sheet of music and consolidate into one financial system. Expensive yes but needed yes. Now, how about the same benefits and salaries for both groups.
60	County and Schools	Employees Give everyone a cost of living increase or give no one more money. FCPS employees should not get a raise if county employees don't get one.
61	Schools	Flex Program: The county doesn't have the funds to do these type of programs. Honestly, exposing a small percentage of children to a few hours of a foreign language is not beneficial to all students. If parents really want some of these "extras" they should have to pay for them.

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62	County	Massey Building Upgrade My house is older than the Massey building yet, since I am a county employee I don't have the luxury of upgrading my home for basic items such as roof repair, we no longer have a working air conditioner, no dishwasher and the floors all need new coverings. Why can the county consider such a huge expenditure but keep employees without a cost of living increase for three years. I pay more than 15% of my take home pay to taxes for my home. Don't spend my money on building improvements when I have to go without. I do realize that public buildings have more traffic but I have been a foster parent for both children and animals in the 20 plus years I have lived in Fairfax county; all of which takes just as much wear and tear on a private home.
63	County	Regarding where to spend the excess \$30 million. I think the County should follow FCPS's lead, and give the County employees a step increase. It will be 3 years since we have seen an increase in pay, and everything keeps going up. The bills are getting harder and harder to pay, not to mention the retirement calculations that we lose every year we are not granted a pay increase. Regarding the incinerator, Fairfax County should leave things the way they are.
64	Schools	Please support our schools and teachers. We need the funds to keep good teachers. Also, I am not in favor of implementing full day Kindergarten everywhere. This is NOT the time for that. I would rather see our good teachers get a raise! Full day kindergarten is a sham...really, must we provide day care for the whole county? (and I even have a Pre-K and baby of my own at home) Thank you
65	County and Schools	I would like to see the county support the funding increase requested by the Fairfax County School Board. The 3% increase in funding would help FCPS attract and keep the best teachers and administrators in the area instead of losing them to Loudoun or Alexandria Counties. In times of financial distress, shortchanging our children education only shortchanges our future.
66	Schools	I am in my tenth year of teaching for FCPS and have not had a pay increase for three of those years. Yet, I have experienced an increase in class size, including an increase in the number of ESOL students in my general education classroom who need the assistance of a trained ESOL teacher, but those positions were cut from our budget. The only way I could obtain an increase in pay was to complete a master's program, and now I have student loans to pay back for that. I am a single, divorced parent with two children, one of which is still in daycare. I cannot believe that we are possibly, once again, faced with another year without an increase in pay. At what point is appreciation and compensation shown to teachers?
67	County and Schools	Please put the \$30 million surplus in this budget towards FCPS. The Public Schools needs it to reduce class size and pay teachers. The result of real estate assessments rising and the fact that teachers have not had a raise or a step in three years, results in the county funding other projects on the backs of the teachers who live in your county.
68	Schools	Teachers have been and will continue to transfer out of the county in response to no cost of living or raise for the 4th year in a row. Teachers are also continually being told to do more. Teachers will not stay long in this environment. Long term, this will lead to a decline in school services and quality of education. The cost of all goods and services has greatly increased, and if you own a home in FFX county, you have seen the value greatly drop. Please please consider even a cost of living increase for the teachers, or our county will no longer be a shining star in the country.

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69	County and Schools	I think the County needs to be putting plans into place on how they will deal with employee compensation in the event of a rapid rise in inflation. I, and many others, are of the opinion that inflation is coming, on the order of 7%-10% per annum. You simply cannot expect county employees to continue to perform if their purchasing power is being eroded this way. We have already seen spikes in fuel and food prices.
70	County and Schools	Many private sector employees have taken 5-10% pay cuts or worse- lost their jobs. I do not believe that this is a time to offer any government employees (state, local, federal, teachers and especially administrators) any pay increases. I keep hearing our govt officials talking/pumping up giving teachers raises -- I feel bad but I do not believe that 2 years without a raise is all that bad. They (& all state employees) have been enjoying both pay increases and cost of living raises for years. Private sector eliminate "cost of living" raises a decade (or longer) ago. I can't believe that Congress still passes this type of pay increase. It's absurd. Any increase in the budget should be used to help offset the projected increased school enrollment or in some way have a direct impact on our future leaders. Jill Anderson Falls Church, VA
71	Schools	The School Board will attempt to rally support for a larger transfer. For each person asking for an increase in school programs, please ask them whether they would support taking the funds from school central administration to fund their program.
72	County and Schools	Tony - nice to meet you at the Budget presentation at Gerry Hyland's district - you handle yourself very well - I have a couple of followup questions on budget - 1/ what are fringe benefit rates for County employees - 2/ what are they for Schools, if different; 3/ from the website, it looks like performance measures have lost favor since 2007 - is that whole strategic planning construct not as useful as it once was - or - maybe it never was all that valuable as a management tool in the first place? It seems to me the only way to help Schools is to get them to identify and use output measures - right now, they don't seem to have any - I was hoping if you found something that worked on the non-schools side of the County, it would be a useful starting point for Schools - maybe this is better suited to a conversation but I thought I would lay it out so you know why I was/am asking about performance measures at the meeting Best, Barry Barry Meuse 7808 West Boulevard Drive Alexandria, VA 22308 703 660-9619 bmeuse1@hotmail.com - thanks - Barry Meuse
73	County	Fairfax should consider carving out a small amount of the budget (say, 1% or \$33.8 million) and holding a county-wide referendum on how to spend that amount. No micro-managing, just allowing voters to choose one top-line item they would like to see the money go to -- Public Safety, Judicial Administration, Public Works, Health & Welfare, Parks & Libraries, Community Development, Schools, or paying down debt. The \$33.8 million would then be allocated in proportion to total votes. I suspect that how the county is spending money and how people would vote for money to be spent are significantly different.
74	County	Regarding the \$30 balance,,,apply it toward 2013 requirements. Don't spend it on 2012 expenses,

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75	County	At a time of economic recovery, it is not appropriate to raise taxes. The federal government figured this out, the county needs to follow this guideline as well. In particular, bringing back the car decal tax should be scrapped. We don't need more fees to pay. In addition, since you have re-assessed properties to higher values, it would be appropriate to offset that increase with a lower tax rate for property taxes. It is more appropriate to reduce spending at this time, rather than increase taxes on the county residents. The county representatives need to prioritize the spending based on NEED vs. want, and reduce spending on the niceties in the want list. This is what each of the families in the county have had to do with the current economic situation; we can't increase our income by getting money from others to be able to get the niceties - we need to cut spending to accommodate the income. I think the county needs to do the same.
76	County and Schools	Wisconsin has done the right thing. Stop spending money that you do not have in your hand. Follow N.J. Gov. Christy's lead; if you ain't got it, you don't spend it.
77	County and Schools	Well-Done Tony Griffin and staff! The 2012 budget report was very well done - transparent and understandable - thank you. I am on the MVCCA Education and also Health/Human Services Committees. I am also an advisory Board member for the Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health. Additionally, I and other board members started Nexus - an advocacy and discussion group for public-private sector folks interested in collaborating to improve mental health services for children and youth, per BOS-adopted, Beeman Commission recommendations. I am also a home-owning, property tax payer, retired from FCPS. I also experienced the budget crunch in the mid-nineties which directly affected my pay-check as it does other teachers today. I think this budget reflects a good balance as it is. Because I wear multiple hats, I see connections not silos in Fairfax County; and I advocate for maintaining the quality of life in Fairfax - especially Mount Vernon, while not over burdening property owners. The 2012 no-expansion budget does a good job of maintaining the quality of schools, safety and services. Both FCPS and county staff have done an important job of improving efficiencies and collaborating to strengthen services to children, adolescents and families. In this climate of working smarter and working better-together, the school side and the County side should not have to compete for dollars. Most agree that the three S's are the bedrock of the future in Fairfax - as the inter-relationships of strong schools, safety and services. With that said, I have a few questions concerning the balance and the seven choices presented on P. 19: I vote for # 4, State Revenue Loss and #5 Other priorities in the budget. It was my understanding from Dan Storck and Jack Dale that the FOCUS funds were gone after two years which was this year and the Priority Schools Plan replaced the need. If that is not so, we need to hear about it publicly. If # 4 and # 5 are not the chosen options then.... 1.) What are the plans for making up the diminishing US Department of Ed (IDEA) funds or state Community Services Act (CSA) and Medicaid etc. funding that supports needy families, and through systems of care, school and county services? 2.) What about Intervention programs affecting schools, families and community? School mental and physical health and community programs are really one and the same in terms of priority. 3.) After school and early childhood programs, child care, foster, kinship care, ? 4.) Intellectual Disabilities support for students once they leave school? 5.) Behavioral health programs and

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		<p>emergency responsiveness for school aged students? The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Autistic Spectrum Services produced an interim report planning for community-based children's behavioral health services that was presented to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees 10/1/2010 (www.dbhs.virginia.gov). Findings included the report that all Virginia communities had an incomplete array of services compared to need- with major service gaps or not enough capacity. Areas of need that were noted were case management, outpatient therapy, home-based therapy and school-based therapy. Fairfax should be moving toward compliance, not away from it. 6.) What happens to the gap between the FCPS budget (\$2.2B increased at 3.6% = \$48.8M from FY 2011) and the County transfer a amount - flat from 2011? Hopefully we aren't robbing Peter to pay Paul. 7.) How does state unfunded pension liability of \$17B affect the FCPS and County budgets respectively? Payments are distributed across a 2-year cycle and included in the FCPS budget - is that not true? Superintendent Dale promised to submit a plan for full-day kindergarten in May 2011. 8.) How much do you estimate that will cost? Is it a necessary action in the next budget cycle or can costs be deferred? Food for Thought Re. Teacher salary Adjustments: from an internal public relations point of view, I understand Dale's promise several years ago to make this the year salary increases were budgeted and he fulfilled his promise, albeit perhaps not fiscally sound at this time. When we teachers went for years in the 90s with frozen salaries and no extra pay for after-hours and summer workshops we were required to attend, we survived. In fact, FEA survey results overwhelmingly affirmed that teachers would rather not have class size increased if it was a toss-up between class size and salaries. Dale has promised both. I stand with other teachers and say if County employees can survive with no raises for another year- so can teachers - if and only if absolutely necessary and funds cannot be found elsewhere within the FCPS budget. 9.) What happens to the Blue Print for housing - which affects children in schools and their families as well? All the things that Fairfax provides to keep us educated, safe and well-served need to be maintained. If they can't be maintained on \$1.09 - the BOS should think of that for next year. Anyone who might object to paying more, probably doesn't object to their own property values going up. And I say that, as one who pays LOTS of property tax - but I realize I am paying for more than bricks and mortar. Appreciatively, Lainge Bailey Member of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations' Committees For Education and for Health and Human Services And NEXUS - Building Together - Better Mental Health for Children and Youth Sponsored by The Advisory Board For the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Mental Health Mount Vernon, Virginia Lainge Bailey, Nexus Coordinator 703-660-2327 laingebailey@earthlink.net , Clinical Reading Specialist, Irlen International Institute - Screener, FCPS (Ret.)</p>
78	County	Please extend full day kindergarten to ALL Fairfax county elementary school, including Kent Gardens.

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79	County and Schools	I think the County Executive does a good job in balancing the fiscal resources that the county has with county needs, especially in these last few years with the economy having tumbled. I think the 30 million balance should be used to fund two proposals with an optional third: 1. With the 30 million balance and because I have read that the School Board has included in its budget raises for its employees, I think part of that balance should be used to fund a onetime bonus for county employees. It is hard to justify giving one set of employees raises (schools) and not county employees since both work towards the betterment of Fairfax County and its residents. 2. In addition, a portion of the balance should be used to reduce the real estate tax rate by one cent. 3. I don't think additional funding should be given to the School Board since they already receive a transfer of over 50% of the county revenue. I think it is important to balance county resources amongst all services that are provided to residents - libraries, parks, human services, public safety. However, if the BOS considers increasing the transfer to the School Board, I think such a transfer should be specifically designated to fund full day kindergarten at schools where it does not already exist. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and for your consideration.
80	County and Schools	Please restore funding to the public libraries. Basic literacy underpins every aspect of school and life success, and research shows that literacy development starts very young - before a child steps foot in a school. Taking books out of the hands of poor children is a good way to ensure lots of very expensive remediation later. Libraries are cheap compared to school remediation programs.
81	Schools	When you discuss the County's support of the schools it should include all the money being used by the schools, not just the general fund transfer amount. The budget presentation talked about other resources that are given to the schools for nurses, police, etc. That is also School support by taxpayers. Why is the full amount of funding to support the schools not pointed out when discussing the level of support that the schools get?
82	County	The health insurance premium holiday for county employees that was provided in 2010 and suggested for 2011 by the County Executive is not equitable across employees. The employees that are costing the county the most obtain the most benefit. If the County Executive and the BOS want to provide a perk for employees because health costs are increasing and there have been no raises for some time I would suggest something that is more equitable to employees - not based on the health coverage they have selected from the county.
83	County and Schools	I strongly believe that the FY 2012 budget should include the school board's request for additional funding. This funding is essential to giving teachers a much needed cost of living adjustment. Without it, the county is bound to lose some highly qualified teachers to other districts.
84		Why not license any animal in Fairfax county that is required to have rabies shot. Currently the general fund get almost 900K from dogs my guess is the general fund could receive 3m if pets owners were access equal. C Schu Schuling@verizon.net

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85	County	How can you want to raise Real Estate Taxes when a Fairfax residence needs assistance with flooding issues for the last 10 years and there never any money for our issues. WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING WITH OUR MONEY I SEE NO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY EXCEPT RUNNING THE MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE OUT. Also my spouse is an employee and no raises for the last 3yrs .Could you people start thinking about your employees. WE also feel the budget crushing us. How are we supposed to pay for increased real Estate Taxes with no increase in our paycheck . I bet the ones purposing this budget think they deserve a raise. This is not hurting you guys you have money. WE are just poor working class people. And we voted you people in how.....Never again
86	County & Schools	The County budget remains excessive. The county cannot continue to live beyond its means. The \$3.38 billion budget proposed misleads when it states it is a "Balanced, no expansion budget with no Real Estate tax rate increase". In fact the proposed budget will cost the average home owner an increase of \$110.55 in real estate taxes. This is a 2.34% increase over the FY 2011 average tax per household of \$4724.16. Inflation has been flat for two years. There has been no CPI increase. The county budget should reflect that reality. Please - No new taxes! The Board should move in this direction by using the FY 2012 Budget Proposal Balance of \$30 million to reduce the Real Estate Tax rate. The Board should agree to the proposed amendment to enact a figure of \$1.065 for the real estate tax rate.
87	County & Schools	Thank you for your hard work preparing this year's budget. It's time for the county to provide raises for both FCPS and county government workers. Unfortunately, the BOS shortsightedly decided not to raise the real estate tax rate, but please do not make another mistake and lower it further. \$110, less than the price of one night for a babysitter, dinner, and a movie, is a small price to pay to ensure Fairfax County continues to offer the high quality of life its residents deserve. So, again, please don't make yet another mistake. Keep the tax rate as is and use the additional funding to provide our hardworking public servants with the increases in compensation they deserve. Thank you.
88	County & Schools	With gas prices nearing \$4/gallon the prudent thing to do is keep the \$30 Million for the extra cost in gas the county will certainly experience this year. Do not spend it on salaries or capital expenditures.
89	County	Eliminate the \$10.00 dog license fee or add the fee to cat owners also. Since this fee currently rakes in almost 900K for the general fund, why not give everyone the chance to contribute.
90	County & Schools	I am the husband of a Teacher and I'm extremely frustrated that yet again the teachers are having to bear the costs of you guys not having the guts to raise homeowners taxes or finding the money somewhere else. This has been 4 years of no raise and higher costs for teachers. I have had to take a second job because of this. I have come to the conclusion that you dislike teachers. No other nearby Washington area county has treated teachers this way. Many teachers are now having to take second jobs, which must be cutting into the amount of time they have to prepare for classes and grade. Sincerely, Jonathan Ottke

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91	Schools	We are in complete support for Full Day Kindergarten for all schools for fiscal year 2012. The schools without FDK (including both of our children's future K- Wolftrap ES in Vienna) are a disadvantage academically and socially from the majority of schools in Fairfax County that provide FDK. We pay one of the highest taxes in the county yet our children do not have access to this right. Please support the implementation for ALL remaining kindergartens for fiscal year 2012. Frankly, the excuses and stalling has gone on for long enough and it is time Fairfax County stepped up to make sure we are one of the top schools in the nation. Sincerely, Marc and Laura Plante 507 Druid Hill Road Vienna, VA 22180 Lydia- future K at Wolftrap ES 2011-2012 Henry - future K at Wolftrap ES 2013-2014
92	Schools	It is critical that Fairfax County shows demonstrated commitment to its schools by investing in them instead of cutting taxes. As a small business owner (we have 60 employees and ranked #83 on the Inc. 500 list of fastest growing companies in 2010), it is critical in recruiting top talent to support our federal customers that candidates are willing to relocate to our area and schools are a critical driver in that decision. Also, I know that Full Day Kindergarten is a key factor when families with younger children are choosing where to live. And quite simply, it is not acceptable that a school district in a high income area like Fairfax County not be able to offer full day kindergarten to ALL of its schools. We know you will rectify this and come through for the children of Fairfax County.
93	Schools	Why is it that some kindergartens have a full day of school and students in 37 Fairfax County schools do not? Is that really fair to the kindergarteners of those 37 schools?? The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors must support Supervisor Hyland's motion to fund Full Day Kindergarten with \$7.3 million over a level transfer as the schools have been cut to the bone. Implementation of Full Day Kindergarten, a core program, was halted due to budget cuts to FCPS. What should I tell my child? You were not given the chance of other children in Fairfax County and the country due to where we live and the budget in Fairfax County? Is that fair?
94	Schools	Hello, I am writing to request that you provide as much funding as possible for Fairfax County Public Schools in this year's budget. Thank you, -Paul Erickson
95	County & Schools	I'd like to make a suggestion, after reading and hearing about concerns from county employees and schools over the need for an increase in employee salary, my suggestion is why not propose a salary increase for those employees making under a certain amount. Because it is really your lower paid employees who are hit harder when there has been no salary increase (and furlough day two years ago) than those making a higher salary. Thank you for your consideration.
96	Schools	Hello, as a Lee District resident, I support as much funding as possible for Fairfax County Public Schools. Property values are tied in large part to the high quality of our public schools. Although I do not have children in the school system I am willing to pay more in taxes to support FCPS. I appreciate the level transfer to the schools, but please consider increasing the transfer to make up for increased enrollment and other unfunded mandates from the state. Thank you, David Bertolotti 7309 Larrup Ct Alexandria, VA 22315
97	County	The library hours are a travesty. For a well used service that receives little of the budget, the convoluted hours have driven some of us user away. Increase the amount the libraries receive to standardize the hours or standardize the hours by closing earlier but all branches at the same time.

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98	Schools	I for one am tired of hearing about the over worked school teachers/employees when the children in my neighborhood can barely construct an intelligent sentence. It is obvious that the schools are not doing their job and should not continue to be rewarded for such mediocre job performance. We, citizens of the County, are not getting our tax dollars worth from the schools.
99	Schools	Dear BOS, Thank you for your tremendous service to our community. Please approve Supervisor Hyland's motion to fund Full Day Kindergarten via an addition \$7.3 million to implement FDK in all schools this year. It is time for equity in education county-wide. Best, Shaista Keating Fairfax for Full Day Kindergarten
100	Schools	It is ridiculous to lower the tax rate just because the economy is improving. A few dollars per month for everyone is not worth lowering the quality of our schools. Our tax assessments have not improved that much that the increase per household is going to be felt greatly. Take this opportunity to maintain our school quality rather than let it deteriorate further. Thank you.
101	Schools	Do not print the Adult and Community Education (ACE) 70+ page catalog (I just received in the mail this week) and postal mail it to 400,000+ households in the county at least three times a year. Millions of \$ of savings could be realized in printing, paper, other labor, and postal mailing costs (not to mention to trash and recycling costs later on). Most county residents have internet access for this information, and for those who do not, a limited number of copies can be provided at the Adult Education Centers and County Libraries. Fairfax County, a leader among US counties in digital technology, should follow the lead of the IRS (by not mailing the tax booklets to every US household) and the telephone companies (not printing and providing directories except on request).
102	Schools	Please provide ample funding to schools, even if the tax rate has to go up. Most of our teachers work hard to provide a world class education and deserve to make at least what their counterparts in other jurisdictions in the area make. Also, in order to maintain the high level of education our children are fortunate to receive, it is important to maintain the programs like foreign language programs that prepare our students for the global world they will inherit and inhabit.
103	County & Schools	How you treat your employees is absolutely disgusting. They are expected to continue doing more with less, with absolutely no appreciation. How can you possibly expect them to go another year without an increase when their health care and all other costs are rising? You are eroding their purchasing power, and pushing the few that can actually afford to live in the county out, which is ultimately hurting you. I have seen such a drastic change moral in the four years I've worked for Fairfax, that it's unbelievable. There is absolutely no reason to have pride in our jobs. Yes, lowering the tax rate is good; however, think about how many of your employees would actually benefit from this? Yet another slap in the face.

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104	County & Schools	You need to fully fund the schools. Morale is extremely low after two years of no raises, and people are making plans to leave the system. Stop the political infighting and posturing -- we all know it's an election year, but the county's and school system's futures are at stake. Enrollments are continuing to grow but the county expects us to teach more kids with fewer employees and resources in buildings that must wait more than 30 years for renovations. The schools are a major contributor to the quality of life in Fairfax County and a major reason businesses relocate here. Please keep that in mind when you're considering how to use the unexpected tax revenue you have received.
105	County & Schools	I am a resident of Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia, The entire school board budget needs to be funded. One of the reasons why I and many other people have moved to Fairfax County is because of the school system. The school system in Fairfax County enjoys an excellent reputation. Funding the school board budget in its entirety will start to make up for the losses in previous years. If the school system's reputation continues to be strong, the county will continue to draw more residents, increasing home prices, and creating a better tax base. Michael H. Miller 4412 Nuttall Road Fairfax, Virginia 22032-3627 Tel. 703-978-5515
106	County & Schools	Dear Supervisors, Please, please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to FCPS! Thank you from an FCPS supporter!
107	County & Schools	keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to FCPS.
108	County & Schools	Dear Board of Supervisors, Please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to FCPS! It is important to keep our Nation's best school system fully funded. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to quality education. Sincerely, Allora Cynthia Graham
109	Schools	Please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and us the \$30 million to increase the transfer to FCPS. It is essential to maintain public school quality in Fairfax County. Thank you. David Bertolotti 7309 Larrup Ct Alexandria, VA 22315
110		Please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to FCPS! Thank you!
111	Schools	I support increased funding for our schools. The proposed FY2012 budget for FCPS is smaller than its FY2009 budget, but the costs incurred by FCPS are higher: . 10,000 additional FCPS students over that same time, . 15,000 more students with extra needs (at-risk children, English-language learners, and students with disabilities), and . Significant increases in fuel and health costs, among others; Please support level funding from at least FY2011 for the schools so that we can maintain our academic standards, recruit and maintain the most experienced and knowledgeable teachers, have the most effective class sizes, and continue to advance music and arts, foreign language, technology, critical thinking - - and the ability to teach to each individual child -- to ensure that our Fairfax students can be the entrepreneurs and civic leaders of tomorrow.
112	County & Schools	please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and transfer the excess to the FCPS. Don't let our schools slip into the dreaded situations in the rest of the country. My children have all passed though the FCPS and the quality of our schools have been wonderful for them. I hope our future generations can also enjoy this quality. G Duman Reston
113	Schools	Please provide the full funding (or as much as you can since the tax rate is capped at 1.09) for our schools.

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114	County & Schools	Fully support our FCPS budget.
115	County & Schools	Please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to FCPS so that our world-class school system can be funded to provide the full range of services our students require and offer competitive compensation to the employees! Sincerely, Andrew W. Loftus, Ed. S. 33 year resident of and homeowner in Fairfax County
116	County & Schools	FCPS is one of the top school systems in the nation. However, with an increasing population and educational requirements due to standardized testing and NCLB, money is needed to support these changes. Without proper funding, it will be nearly impossible to maintain the quality school system we have taken for granted. Please support our children. Please keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools. The long-term gain will be priceless. Sincerely, Lynette S. Blacksten
117	Schools	Given that the school system has held steady funding while educating more students for the past 3 years, an increase seems to be in order. You ought to at least provide enough of an increase to account for inflation plus enrollment growth - which is actually LESS than what the school board has requested for the coming fiscal year.
118	County	To provide more money for Fairfax Connector service enhancements (a number were suggested in the online Ask Fairfax chat yesterday), convert the remaining more expensive Metrobus service that runs solely or mostly in Fairfax County to Fairfax Connector routes, like the western Fairfax old Metrobus 12 and 20 routes were converted in 2009, which as a regular commuter on these Connector routes is better service for less county money. Existing Fairfax Connector buses used only during rush hour and idle otherwise could be used for the off peak and weekend service on Metrobus routes. As capital funding permits for more Connector buses, the rush hour service can be replaced. For Metrobus: * 2T and 3T, service including weekends, 2T runs on Sundays also, routes entirely in Fairfax County. * 1C, 7 days a week service, portion through Fairfax City, sure they would not mind saving money either. * Remaining 17A and 17B runs, off peak weekday, all in Fairfax County, except Landmark and Pentagon stops. * Other 17 routes (6 bus routes), 29C, 29G, 29E, 29H, rush hours, all in Fairfax County, except Landmark Plaza and Pentagon. * 18R 18S, 28T, rush hours, all in Fairfax County. * 18G, 18H, 18J, 18P 29X, rush hours, all in Fairfax County except Pentagon * 15M, rush hours, also runs through town of Vienna and Fairfax City. * 24T, rush hours, all in Fairfax County except small portion in Falls Church.
119	County & Schools	Keep the tax rate at 1.09 and use the \$30 million balance to increase the transfer to FCPS. We need to fully fund the school system and ensure that our teachers are given the steps and COLAs they have been promised. We also need to ensure that no programs become endangered because of lack of funds.