

## **Response to Questions on the FY 2014 Budget**

**Request By:** Supervisor McKay

**Question:** Why were the Computer Learning Center (CLC) sites at Annandale Terrace Elementary, Hybla Valley Elementary, and Mount Vernon Woods Elementary selected for closure over the other 9 sites. What is the anticipated impact on the students who currently attend these sites?

**Response:** The three Computer Learning Center (CLC) school-based sites were chosen for closure primarily due to the fact that the nine community-based CLC sites are available to serve the broader community, youth and adults, while the school-based sites are limited to just the students at those elementary schools. To maximize available technology offerings, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) has placed a priority upon school-day programming for adults and senior adults in its technology facilities (nine community-based CLCs and six Computer Clubhouses). Use of all facilities in the after-school hours is still focused upon youth participants, but expanding the use during the day has enabled NCS to reach a diverse group of users that otherwise may not have access to technology; the school-based sites are unable to provide such access. FCPS has the option to continue to provide some avenue of technology offerings at the three CLC school-based sites with some support from NCS, but if it chooses not to do so staff will try to redirect the impacted students to other after-school programs. These other programs may have associated fees (CLC is free), waiting lists, or may create transportation issues for the student depending upon location.