

Response to Questions on the FY 2017 Budget

Request By: Supervisor McKay

Question: Is FCPS projecting fuel savings in FY 2016 and FY 2017 due to the significant decrease in fuel costs? If so, what is the estimated amount and has this been factored into the FY 2017 Proposed Budget?

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

FCPS is recognizing fuel savings in FY 2016. Based on actual vehicle fuel rates, savings of \$3.0 million is being recognized by FCPS at the FY 2016 Third Quarter Budget Review. FCPS has experienced lower than budgeted fuel rates, and projecting fuel rates to remain below the budget rate through the end of the fiscal year 2016.

For FY 2017, unlike the County which currently maintains a \$4.0 million fuel price stabilization reserve, FCPS does not maintain a fuel price stabilization reserve. FCPS continues to closely monitor actual fuel rates versus the forecast rates, as well as costs for bus maintenance. While fuel rates are trending lower, bus maintenance costs have trended upward as a result of increased county labor costs and FCPS' aging bus fleet. Any potential adjustments to and between all of FCPS' county services (including fuel, parts, and labor), will be reviewed prior to FCPS' budget being approved in May.