

Response to Questions on the FY 2017 Budget

Request By: Chairman Bulova

Question: What percentage of Arlington's School budget goes to teachers' salaries compared to Fairfax County?

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

While FCPS spends a greater percentage of our budget on teacher compensation, Arlington County Public Schools spends a higher percentage of their budget on compensation for all positions.

Teacher salaries are 41.4 percent of Arlington Public Schools' FY 2016 Operating Fund Budget, as compared to 40.2 percent for FCPS. Total teacher compensation, which includes employee benefits, is 57.5 percent of Arlington Public Schools' budget versus 59.0 percent of FCPS' budget.

FY 2016 Approved Budget Percentage of Operating Fund Expenditures

	Arlington Public Schools	FCPS
Teacher Salaries	41.4%	40.2%
Employee Benefits *	16.1%	18.9%
Total Teacher Compensation	57.5%	59.0%

* Based on FY 2016 WABE Guide Annual Employer Cost for Average Teacher Salary
Does not add due to rounding.

Total salaries for all employees are 66.2 percent of Arlington Public Schools' FY 2016 Operating Fund Budget, as compared to 62.1 percent for FCPS. However, this disparity is eliminated when total compensation, which includes employee benefits, is compared. Total compensation equals 89.4 percent of Arlington Public Schools' budget versus 88.8 percent of FCPS' budget.

**FY 2016 Approved Budget
Percentage of Operating Fund Expenditures**

	<u>Arlington Public Schools</u>	<u>FCPS</u>
Total Salaries	66.2%	62.1%
Employee Benefits **	23.2%	26.6%
Total Compensation	89.4%	88.8%

** Total employee benefits as a percentage of the operating fund budget.
Does not add due to rounding.