

Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor McKay

Question: Could SACC be outsourced and possibly provide a revenue stream to the Schools/County?

Response: The School-Age Child Care (SACC) program is a County administered program which provides child care services (both during the school year including spring, summer, and winter vacations and during the summer) to children in elementary schools throughout the County. The SACC program currently generates revenue using a sliding fee scale, with reduced rates applied on a graduated scale to those families whose adjusted gross household income is less than \$50,000. Due to the use of a sliding fee scale, revenue for SACC is budgeted at 75 percent of expenditures. For example, the total cost for one SACC room is approximately \$230,000. After revenue of \$172,500 the net cost to the County is \$57,500. In FY 2009 it is anticipated the SACC program will generate \$26.8 million in General Fund revenue.

The County Executive is currently working on a proposal to pilot an outsourced SACC program in the Dranesville District. This pilot, once implemented and evaluated, may provide a model for future SACC expansions.