

Response to Questions on the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Hudgins

Question: What was the cost of the middle school after-school intramurals that were cut from the FY 2003 budget, and what would be the cost to the schools and to the County (which funds transportation costs) to restore intramurals today? What other jurisdictions in Virginia provide intramurals at the middle school level?

Response: The following response was provided by Fairfax County Public Schools.

The cost of middle school after-school intramurals that were cut from the FY 2003 approved budget was approximately \$0.2 million. This program had been cut throughout the years prior to FY 2003, and the cost to reestablish this program in FY 2005 would be approximately \$0.5 million.

It is not possible to accurately assess the size and scope of middle school programs in neighboring school jurisdictions. Many of the surrounding school systems have middle school interscholastic teams, and many allow 8th graders to participate with high school athletic programs. Some systems supplement a middle school intramural program, and in other systems the program is financially supported by grants, PTA funds, or other local school initiatives.