

## Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Chairman Connolly

**Question:** What does it cost to staff one School-Age Child Care classroom? How many SACC centers are available yet not staffed, and how much would it cost to staff them?

**Response:** The School-Age Child Care (SACC) program began in 1979 as a before- and after-school and holiday child care service to children in elementary schools throughout the County. Today, all but eight elementary schools have at least one SACC room. In addition, in cooperation with FCPS, two new SACC rooms are constructed when a new elementary school is built or an existing elementary school is renovated. However, for the last two years, the County has only funded one room at sites where no SACC Center exists and has not funded additional rooms at sites that currently have a SACC room.

Currently, there are 13 schools with dedicated space for a second room. Of the 13 schools, construction was completed on six of the schools in FYs 2004 and 2005; however, only one room at each school was funded. The waiting lists at these six schools are as follows:

School	Wait List
Island Creek	128
Lorton Station	88
Colvin Run	34
Colin Powell	105
Sunrise Valley	26
Navy	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>

The remaining seven schools are currently under renovation and are scheduled to be completed in September 2005 (except for Floris which was recently completed). These schools currently each have one SACC room open but an additional room has been made available due to the renovation. The waiting lists at these seven schools are as follows:

School	Wait List
Floris	149
Forest Edge	31
Greenbriar East	70
Groveton	2
Laurel Ridge	69
Canterbury Woods	33
Stratford	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>379</b>

As of September 2004, 3,603 children were on the waiting list to receive SACC services across all 130 SACC centers. The 837 student wait list at these 13 schools (as shown in the tables above) represents 23.2 percent of the total wait list.

Each classroom can accommodate 30 non-special needs children and 5 special needs children for a total of 35 children per room. Thus, the 13 additional rooms would have a capacity of 455 children including 65 special needs children.

The total cost of funding one SACC room is \$209,285. This includes \$110,770 in Personnel Services and \$28,676 in Fringe Benefits for 3/2.43 SYE positions, and \$69,839 in Operating Expenses. Position increases include 1/0.81 SYE Day Care Center Supervisor and 2/1.62 SYE Day Care Center Teachers I, totaling 3/2.43 SYE positions. After revenue of \$156,964, the net cost to the County for one classroom is \$52,321. The total cost of funding one additional room in each of the 13 schools is \$2,720,705 and a net cost of \$680,176, including 39/31.59 SYE positions.