

## Response to Questions on the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor Kauffman

**Question:** The MPS report refers to the number of eligible riders as 117,000. The current budget documents say that there are 127,666 total bus riders. Please explain the increase in ridership given that enrollment is flat/decreasing? Additionally, please provide a table with the following information for each of the past ten years.

Total FCPS student enrollment  
Total number of students eligible for transport  
Total actual riders  
Total transportation cost

**Response:** Data for the years prior to FY 2002 are not readily available and would take significant research to compile. For this reason we are providing only FY 2002-2006. If prior years' data are required, we can prepare if given time to do so.

The chart below shows the available figures.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Eligible for Transportation</u>	<u>Riders</u>	<u>Transportation Cost (\$ in Millions)</u>
2002	160,584	126,344	121,265	\$70.9
2003	162,585	128,235	122,480	\$77.3
2004	163,399	130,702	125,357	\$88.9
2005	163,830	133,032	127,852	\$93.7
2006	163,534	132,714	127,666	\$107.4