

## Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor Foust

**Question:** How has County debt service changed from FY 2001 to 2008? Break out County and school debt service and compare total percentage of each over time.

**Response:** The chart below shows how the distribution of debt service funding between the County and the Schools has changed since FY 2001 to FY 2008. In FY 2001, the County accounted for 49.85 percent or approximately half of the total debt service. In FY 2008, the County accounts for 43.40 percent of the total debt service with the Schools at 56.60 percent.

The transfer from the General Fund to fund County debt service has increased from \$94,667,437 in FY 2001 to \$113,374,133 in FY 2008 or 19.8 percent. The School debt service transfer has increased from \$95,250,687 in FY 2001 to \$147,858,704 in FY 2008, a total increase of 55.2 percent or an average annual increase of 7.9 percent.

It should be noted that the dollar increases in debt service are related to approved capital projects as contained in the Capital Improvement Program and for which general obligation bonds have been approved at referendum by the voters. The total percentage of debt service as a percentage of General Fund disbursements has remained relatively constant with debt service representing 8.60 percent of total General Fund disbursements in FY 2001 and 8.20 percent in FY 2008.

### County and School FY 2001 versus FY 2008 Debt Service Percentages (\$ in millions)

	Percent of Total Transfer	FY 2001 Actual Transfer	Percent of Total GF Disbursements	Authorized Sales		Percent of Total Transfer	FY 2008 Actual Transfer	Percent of Total GF Disbursements	Authorized Sales
<b>County</b>	49.85%	\$94.67	4.29%	\$50		43.40%	\$113.37	3.53%	\$120
<b>Schools</b>	50.15%	95.25	4.31%	\$130		56.60%	147.86	4.67%	\$155
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$189.92</b>	<b>8.60%</b>				<b>\$261.23</b>	<b>8.20%</b>	