

Response to Questions on the FY 2013 Budget

Request By: Supervisor McKay

Question: How does sales tax paid in Fairfax County come back to the County?

Response: Fairfax County's 1.0 percent local option Sales Tax is collected by the State with the 4.0 percent State Sales Tax and is distributed to the County based on point-of-sale. Fairfax County Public Schools also receives a rate of 1.125 percent from the State's Sales Tax which is distributed based on the County's share of statewide school-age population. The remaining State Sales Tax is distributed as follows: a rate of 0.125 percent is earmarked for education and is directed to a special fund used toward the Commonwealth's responsibility for the Standards of Quality; a rate of 0.5 percent is designated for the Transportation Trust Fund and 2.25 percent goes to the State's general fund.