

Response to Questions on the FY 2015 Budget

Request By: Chairman Bulova

Question: FCPS represented 52.7 percent of the FY 2014 budget. If FCPS received the same 52.7 percent of the FY 2015 Advertised Budget, what would the amount be?

Response: An increase in the Schools transfers as a percentage of overall County disbursements could be achieved by reducing County disbursements only or by increasing revenue and cutting County disbursements.

To maintain disbursements at the current FY 2015 Advertised level and provide 52.7 percent of the funding to FCPS would require cutting County disbursements by \$23.75 million, generating an increase in the same amount for FCPS.

Schools at 52.7% by Reducing County Spending			
	FY 2015 Advertised	Adjusted Funding Levels	Change
Total General Fund Disbursements	\$3,704,394,576	\$3,704,394,576	0
County Disbursements	\$1,775,924,894	\$1,752,178,634	(\$23,746,260)
School Disbursements	\$1,928,469,682	\$1,952,215,942	\$23,746,260
<i>School Operating Transfer</i>	\$1,751,328,506	\$1,775,074,766	\$23,746,260
<i>School Debt</i>	\$177,141,176	\$177,141,176	\$0
Schools %	52.1%	52.7%	

To increase the Schools contributions to 52.7 percent without adjusting County disbursements would require an increase in revenues of over \$50 million. Given that the advertised 2 cent Real Estate Tax rate increase would generate only an additional \$43.73 million, County disbursements would need to be reduced in order to increase the Schools percentage to 52.7 percent. In this scenario, County disbursements would be reduced by \$3.06 million and the School Operating transfer would be increased by \$46.79 million.

Schools at 52.7% by Increasing Revenues and Reducing County Spending			
	FY 2015 Advertised	Adjusted Funding Levels	Change
Total General Fund Disbursements	\$3,704,394,576	\$3,748,124,252	\$43,729,676
County Disbursements	\$1,775,924,894	\$1,772,862,771	(\$3,062,123)
School Disbursements	\$1,928,469,682	\$1,975,261,481	\$46,791,799
<i>School Operating Transfer</i>	\$1,751,328,506	\$1,798,120,305	\$46,791,799
<i>School Debt</i>	\$177,141,176	\$177,141,176	\$0
Schools %	52.1%	52.7%	

It should be noted that the calculations above do not include the impact of County revenue adjustments which will be made as part of the FY 2015 Add-On process or the impact of increases in the Managed Reserve or Revenue Stabilization Fund based on increased disbursement levels. Calculations also do not assume any use of the balance currently available in the FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan.