

## **Response to Questions on the FY 2016 Budget**

**Request By:** Board of Supervisors

**Question:** SACC, Recreation, and the school system offer summer programs for children. A coordinated effort might be more efficient.

**Response:** The following response was prepared by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS):

Currently, FCPS works with the Fairfax County SACC and RecPac on building use during the summer and holidays.

During the summer, FCPS offers several summer programs including opportunities for students to take new and repeat courses, credit recovery, and SOL remediation. In addition, FCPS offers four academic focused camps – Institute for the Arts (IFTA), Tech Adventure Camp, Elementary Institute for the Arts (eIFTA), and STEM Camp. Students completing the IFTA program receive academic credit. In a few central academic summer locations, the academic program is supplemented by classes offered by Adult and Community Education to provide before and after summer school programming at limited sites. A copy of the FY 2014 summer programs can be found online <http://www.fcps.edu/is/summer/documents/2014/Encore.pdf>.

FCPS offers extended school year (ESY) services to any student with disabilities whose individualized education program (IEP) team has determined that a student requires services during the summer break. Each summer, ESY secondary sites share a school building with Therapeutic Recreation. In summer 2014 ESY had three secondary sites. The co-location of programs allows for the sharing of FCPS buses between Therapeutic Recreation participants and ESY students as well as provides opportunities for individuals to have access to ESY classes and Therapeutic Recreation programs in the same day.

In addition to the academic summer school and specialized camps, the FCPS School Board authorized funding for school-based summer learning opportunities. For the last several years, each elementary and middle school have offered summer learning opportunities for at risk students to prevent learning loss over the summer.

Information about the various FCPS summer programs will be posted on January 5, 2015 on the following website <http://www.fcps.edu/is/summer/index.shtml>.

FCPS does not provide a similar program to SACC or Parks and Recreation and therefore there would be no efficiencies found by combining these programs with the FCPS academic focused summer programs.