

Response to Questions on the FY 2017 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Foust

Question: Referencing Slide 27 of the County Executive’s presentation of FY 2017 Advertised Budget showing that State funding on an inflation adjusted basis has decreased statewide from \$4,275 per pupil in FY 2009 to \$3,655 per pupil in FY 2015, what is the County funding per pupil to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) over the same period?

Response: The bullet on Slide 27 of the County Executive’s presentation of FY 2017 Advertised Budget referenced by the question shows state funding per pupil statewide in FY 2001 inflation adjusted dollars. To provide a corresponding comparison of the County’s per pupil funding for FY 2009 and FY 2015, staff similarly inflation adjusted the numbers in FY 2001 dollars.

The County per pupil funding is based on the County’s General Fund transfer to the Schools Operating Fund divided by the number of students. The table below shows that when adjusted for inflation in FY 2001 dollars, the County per pupil funding was down 10.2 percent in FY 2015 compared to FY 2009.

COUNTY PER PUPIL FUNDING TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (FCPS)

Fiscal Year	Student Enrollment	County General Fund Transfer	County Per Pupil Funding	% Change	County \$ Per Pupil in FY 2001 \$	% Change
FY09 Actual	169,538	\$1,626,600,722	\$9,594		\$7,550	
FY15 Actual	185,914	1,768,498,393	9,512	-0.9%	6,776	-10.2%