

Response to Questions on the FY 2019 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Cook

Question: Please compare the state funding estimate in Fairfax County Public Schools Proposed FY 2019 Budget with the budget proposals passed the week of February 19 by each House of the General Assembly.

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

On December 18, 2017, the Governor's 2018-2020 Introduced Budget was released. As compared to the FCPS' FY 2019 Advertised Budget, the Governor's Introduced Budget included \$8.7 million more in state aid and \$5.0 million in sales tax revenue for the School Operating Fund.

On February 18, 2018, the House Appropriations Subcommittee and the Senate Finance Subcommittee released their respective recommended amendments to the Governor's 2018-2020 Introduced Budget (HB / SB 30). The recommendations provided by the chambers result in FCPS receiving additional funding of \$3.4 million under the House plan and no additional funding under the Senate plan for the School Operating Fund. However, the Senate plan provides an additional \$0.4 million for the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) which flows through Fairfax County Government. FCPS receives VPI funding from Fairfax County Government to support the Family and Early Childhood Education Program which is accounted for in the Grants and Self-Supporting Fund.

Governor Northam re-introduced the same budget that the previous administration proposed in December and the General Assembly will return on April 11th for a special session to pass the budget. The impact of the compensation supplement will be determined when the 2018 Appropriation Act is final.