

**Response to Questions on the FY 2010
County Lines of Business & Schools Program Review Processes
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Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Response By: Fairfax County Public Schools

Question: Should FCPS eliminate or modify the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) program before increasing class size?

Response: The following response is provided by the Fairfax County Public Schools:

There are always trade offs in difficult budget times. The approach taken at this time is to maintain programs that support the School Board goals and the community desire. A small increase in class size would be preferred to eliminating the FLES in some or all of the sites where it currently exists. Also, the total cost for FLES is \$2.5 million, while the savings for a 0.5 increase in class size is \$11.0 million.