

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 116: ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS STAFF RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
FY 2009 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED BUDGET

This memorandum provides an update on the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) operating budget needs for FY 2009. At a work session on April 21, 2008, ACPS staff recommended the adjustments detailed in Attachment 1.

As a result of the recommended changes, the percent increase in the requested City appropriation from FY 2008 to FY 2009 is 5.0%, or \$168,251,682. This is a reduction of \$1,511,483, compared to the requested City Appropriation in the School Board's Adopted Budget. The recommended appropriation for FY 2009 is now equal to the appropriation for the Schools included in the City Manager's alternative budget, which includes a 1% market rate adjustment. Total recommended operating expenditures of \$198,959,205 include two significant changes: a \$3,111,107 reduction to reflect a change in the VRS rate from 16.8% to 13.8%, and an increase of \$1,039,820 to fund additional staff to address revised enrollment projections.

Enrollment as of March 30, 2008, is higher than the September 30, 2007, enrollment, which is an unusual occurrence. Typically, ACPS loses students throughout the year. The projected enrollment used to develop the FY 2009 budget was 10,459, which was a decrease of 98 students. March enrollment was 10,676 compared to 10,557 in September 2007. The projected FY 2009 enrollment has been revised to reflect an increase of 130 students compared to the September 2007 actual enrollment, which is an increase of 228 students compared to the number the FY 2009 budget was originally based on. Attachment 2 provides grade by grade enrollment information.

Recommended Adjustments to the FY 2009 Final Approved Budget

Assumes City Council approves a 1% Market-Rate Adjustment for City and School Personnel

Item	Amount	FTE
FY 2009 Approved Total Revenue	240,786,300	
Total FY 2009 Approved Revenue Excluding City Appropriation	31,022,725	
FY 2009 Approved City Appropriation	169,763,165	
Revenue Adjustments		
Adjust City Appropriation	(1,511,483)	
<u>Recognize state revenue changes</u>	<u>(315,202)</u>	
Total Revenue Adjustments	(1,826,685)	
FY 2009 Final Approved City Appropriation	168,251,682	
FY 2009 Final Approved Other Revenue	30,707,523	
New Total Revenue	198,959,205	
Expenditure Adjustments		
Fund additional elementary homeroom teacher and instructional assistant positions; positions added based on revised enrollment projections	1,039,820	14.00
Additional ESL positions	198,603	2.50
Additional special education positions	165,969	3.00
Services to students with autism: Placeholder	70,000	
Funding for travel for athletic activities	69,000	
Super Summer additional funding	48,000	
Adjust VRS rates per legislative action	(3,111,107)	
Reduce staffing reserve by 2 teachers and 1 paraprofessional	(165,969)	(3.00)
Reduce special education tuition	(141,000)	
Total Expenditure Adjustments	(1,826,685)	16.50
New Total Expenditures	198,959,205	1,937.59
Percent Increase/In City Appropriation	50%	

FY 2009 Final Approved Enrollment Projections

Data											
Grade	FY 2000 Sept	FY 2001 Sept	FY 2002 Sept	FY 2003 Sept	FY 2004 Sept	FY 2005 Sept	FY 2006 Sept	FY 2007 Sept	FY 2008 Sept	FY 2009 Prop	FY 2009 Final
PK		92	76	92	90	110	152	188	155	172	172
K	1,073	1,155	1,056	1,035	1,057	1,025	1,018	1,038	1,057	1,040	1,043
1	1,200	1,080	1,107	1,017	973	1,014	929	945	1,036	948	1,054
2	1,013	1,069	985	1,008	945	933	927	861	886	967	986
3	1,001	956	1,006	915	915	925	829	873	826	852	863
4	868	956	923	936	855	850	827	776	836	772	779
5	841	865	914	870	894	809	770	730	780	775	817
6	775	800	803	847	804	832	748	705	706	735	735
7	731	758	776	750	805	760	760	709	686	672	691
8	667	702	707	730	721	740	699	719	683	650	670
9	701	699	720	756	724	754	763	698	731	713	713
10	791	911	903	817	838	763	730	720	720	759	776
11	704	666	655	736	674	708	697	691	742	673	644
12	591	568	562	585	587	590	600	588	601	633	646
NG	247	68	81	145	113	108	72	91	112	98	98
Grand Total	11,203	11,345	11,274	11,239	10,995	10,921	10,521	10,332	10,557	10,459	10,687

Sept FY 2008 to FY 2009 Final Projection 130
 FY 2009 Proposed to FY 2009 Final Projection 228

Data											
Grade	FY 2004 Sept	FY 2004 March	FY 2005 Sept	FY 2005 March	FY 2006 Sept	FY 2006 March	FY 2007 Sept	FY 2007 March	FY 2008 Sept	FY 2008 March	FY 2009 Final
PK	90	129	110	178	152	189	188	193	155	160	172
K	1,057	1,054	1,025	1,004	1,018	983	1,038	1,044	1,057	1,090	1,043
1	973	952	1,014	987	929	914	945	921	1,036	1,062	1,054
2	945	938	933	898	927	906	861	853	886	903	986
3	915	916	925	906	829	809	873	855	826	816	863
4	855	848	850	820	827	783	776	765	836	850	779
5	894	903	809	789	770	765	730	710	780	785	817
6	804	788	832	795	748	725	705	686	706	714	735
7	805	800	760	729	760	747	709	691	686	693	691
8	721	709	740	713	699	692	719	701	683	685	670
9	724	740	754	745	763	754	698	713	731	750	713
10	838	807	763	751	730	712	720	710	720	735	776
11	674	623	708	647	697	656	691	655	742	707	644
12	587	589	590	594	600	584	588	564	601	611	646
NG	113	115	108	98	72	83	91	114	112	115	98
Grand Total	10,995	10,911	10,921	10,654	10,521	10,302	10,332	10,175	10,557	10,676	10,687

A: September to March Change (same school year)	(84)	(267)	(219)	(157)	119
B: March to September Change (one school year to the next)		10	(133)	30	11
C: Total Change, September to September (A+B=C)	(74)	(400)	(189)	225	130