

**ADOPTION OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD'S  
FY 2022 BUDGET**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

May 6, 2021

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**Enrollment Projections**

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## Consult with Dr. Grip

May 5, 2021

**Continues to recommended that APS use the Spring 2021 Update to Projections in the FY22 Budget** due to the following:

- The unprecedented nature of the pandemic - 2020 enrollment is an anomaly
- projections consider other variables including birth rates and new housing construction
- 2021 kindergarten enrollment is informed by births 5 years prior in 2016; births in 2016 are the highest since 2010

In response to the School Board's request to lower the projections, he suggests adjusting the cohort transition rate (CTR), equally weighting all three years, 2018, 2019 and 2020. This results in a reduction of 525 students across Kindergarten through Grade 12.

- For a larger reduction, the CTR would need to give a higher weight to 2020
- This type of adjustment will have long term impacts on projections and capacity planning
- Cautions that weighting the pandemic enrollment into future planning is not realistic

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## APS Projections and May 6 Adjustments

**Projections use 3 Year Cohort Transition Rate (CTR) using Sept. 30 enrollment**

- In typical years, enrollment for each cohort by year is weighted equally (33.3%)
- Enrollment for 2020 was impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic and CTR weights were used to lessen the impact of enrollment trends between 2019 and 2020

CTR used in budget	APS projections (Fall 2020)	May 6 Adjustments for SB
2018 to 2019	42.5%	33.3%
2019 to 2020	42.5%	33.3%
2020 to 2021	15%	33.3%

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## Comparison of Adjusted Projections and Spring Update to Projections

Adjusting 2021-22 enrollment projections with 3-year average cohort transition rates (no weights) reduces PreK-12 enrollment by 525 students.

2021 22	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	
Updated Proj.	1,258	2,232	2,232	2,281	2,309	2,238	2,153	
Spring Update	1,258	2,303	2,243	2,343	2,379	2,288	2,179	
Diff.	0	(71)	(11)	(62)	(70)	(50)	(26)	

  

2021 22	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total PreK 12
Updated Proj.	2,086	2,088	2,102	2,134	2,012	2,068	1,915	<b>29,108</b>
Spring Update	2,169	2,166	2,134	2,138	2,057	2,078	1,898	<b>29,633</b>
Diff.	(83)	(78)	(32)	(4)	(45)	(10)	17	<b>(525)</b>

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## Concerns Regarding Adjusting Projections

- If enrollment projections are adjusted downward by 525 students, every school will surplus additional teachers
  - If enrollment comes in above projections over the summer and into the fall:
    - we will be restoring staffing through a limited contingency fund
    - principals will be required to hire teachers in August, September, and beyond when the pool of teachers is diminished
  - Surplusing additional teachers at this point in the recruitment cycle means we continue to delay the timeline for advertising vacancies and hiring teachers from other jurisdictions as all surplused staff must be placed first

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## Recommendation

The Superintendent recommends the budget continue to use the Spring Update to Projections as the basis for the FY22 Budget.

If the School Board does not support the Superintendent's recommendation above, then he requests the School Board use the adjusted enrollment projections provided by staff and Dr. Grip.

- The adjusted enrollment projections will impact schools as follows:
  - Middle and high schools will need to rebuild their Master Schedules; will likely result in higher class sizes
  - Reduces the number of high school electives available
  - Middle school model will not work with allocated staffing
  - If enrollment comes in higher, then needed additional staffing will be hired in August and later when the pool of teachers is diminished

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## Recommendation (cont'd)

- If the adjusted enrollment figure is used (reduction of 525 students), the table below provides the savings that would result. The Superintendent recommends that a portion of this savings be set aside in the staffing contingency.

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**Updates to School Board's  
Proposed FY 2022 Budget**





## Adoption of the School Board's FY 2022 Budget

I move that the Arlington School Board adopt its Fiscal Year 2022 School Board Budget totaling **\$698,834,346**. The School Board's FY 2022 budget requires an on-going County Transfer of **\$527,096,321**, a one-time County Transfer of **\$2,817,940**, a Beginning Balance or Carry Forward of **\$3,500,000**, and funding from Reserves of **\$19,560,386**, broken into the following:

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1. The School Operating Fund at a total of \$582,626,307, requiring an ongoing County transfer of \$455,090,420, a one-time County transfer of \$2,817,940, a beginning balance



## **Amendment to the Main Motion**

- I move to amend the main motion by implementing the revised enrollment projections provided by staff that reduces enrollment by 525 students resulting in a savings of \$3,447,739 and 36.90 FTEs. I further move that \$500,000 of this savings be added to the staffing contingency, thereby providing a net savings of \$2,947,739 and decreasing the amount from reserves by the same amount.

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## **Amendment to the Main Motion**

- I move to amend the main motion by adding \$4,953,748 to implement Compensation Option 4 instead of Compensation Option 1 and funding it by increasing the amount used from reserves by \$4,953,748.

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**Adoption of Main Motion as Amended**

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