

FY 2025 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET QUESTIONS

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2	What would be the financial outcome/result of replacing macbooks with chromebooks or alternate devices? (DP	Information Services			

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9	From 2025 Departments Summary page 214, the non-school staff for 2025 is budgeted for 1,121.05 positions. Looking at that same table in the 2019 budget, Departments Summary page 318, the non-school staff for 2019 was budgeted for 867.5 positions. What is the justification for an additional 253.55 non-school positions given the same expected level of enrollment? How much do the additional 253.55 positions (rounded to 254) add to the budget? (MT)	Finance	03/11/2024	03/15/2024	03/15/2024
10	Why are we projecting a 23% increase in special education students next year to 5,191, when our numbers for the past several years have been between 4,000 and 4,250? How much money would we save if we estimated this more conservatively? (MK)	Academics	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
11	We are projecting a 34% increase in our PreK population. What is our degree of confidence in that projection? How did our projected compare to actual this past year? (MK)	Academics	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
12	How much does APS spend on AP and IB tests each year (test fees plus any payments for proctors)? How does this compare to the practices of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Fairfax re: covering costs of AP and IB tests? (MK)	Academics / Assessment	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
13	How much is in the FY2025 budget for various forms of tutoring, broken out by type? What do we know about the actual utilization of each form of tutoring? (MK)	Academics	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
14	Could we please see the lease agreement with Apple for our iPads and Macbooks? (MK)	Finance	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
15	How much are we paying for the Panorama SEL screener? (MK)	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Student Services	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
16	How much are we paying for SEL curricula for middle and high schools? How are we evaluating effectiveness? (MK)	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Student Services	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
17	Last year we invested in Deans of Students and Intervention Counselors. How are we evaluating ROI on these investments? (MK)	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Student Services	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
18	When we did the five-year plan in the Office of Special Education, did we retain an outside consultant for all five years? If not, should we be spending \$85,000 to retain the consultant helping us in Y3 with the Office of English Learners give-year plan? (p.272) (MK)	Academics	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
19	We are adding a 0.5 reading teacher position at Drew, Jamestown, and Oakridge. How much is saved if we only add this at Drew and Oakridge, since the level of need at Jamestown is much lower? (MK)	Finance	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024

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20	Can you please share what the \$198,198 in purchased services covers in the Office of Division Counsel? (MK)	Division Counsel	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
21	On p. 239, I see that \$93K in volunteer and partnership liaison stipends are eliminated. Can				

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32	What is the size of our white fleet, which it looks like cost nearly \$2M to maintain? Who uses the white fleet and for what purposes? If we wanted to cut down the white fleet (and, for example, reimburse employees for mileage in personal vehicles), to what extent would this be practical (e.g., we could do this for 30% of current usage, etc. etc.) (MK)	Facilities and Operations	03/11/2024	03/13/2024	03/15/2024
33	Could we see a more detailed breakdown of Purchased Services and Other Charges for Plant Operations (p.325)? (MK)	Facilities and Operations	03/11/2024	03/13/2024	03/15/2024
34	Could you please provide more information about Other Administrative Accounts (p.343)? What is the "system-wide budget reserve" and Superintendent's Reserve and how much funding is in each? How much is allocated in Other Administrative Accounts for administrative travel? Could we please understand more about the ~\$10M in proposed expenditures here? (MK)	Finance	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024
35	An ITC has asked me why this role continues to be a 12-month E-scale position, which he believes would make it the only coach-type role reporting to principals who are not 10-months on the T scale. My understanding is that the main reason the role had been 12 months was because of the responsibilities over the summer to help prepare devices for the following school year. But isn't that work now done completely by the technicians/IS? (MK)	Academics	03/11/2024	03/14/2024	03/15/2024

36 I met yesterday with two teachers from ACHS, one of my liaison schools. They expressed concern over the proposal to remove the ACHS assistant principal and staff that position at Langston instead (page 195 of the Superintendent's proposed budget). I said I would share the concern and follow up internally.

Generally, our planning factors call for one AP per school. I was also reminded that ACHS is a school, not a program. The teachers pointed out that enrollment in ACHS is understated in the budget books, because ~40-45% of its
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38	Which are the 3 schools that have Communities in Schools and are the funds split evenly between the schools? In terms of the ROI for this cost, are we evaluating academic progress beyond “progress towards graduation” (as articulated on p 43 of the exec summary). I believe at least one of the three is an elementary school and so progress toward graduate does not seem like an appropriate measurement. (BZS)	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Student Services	03/14/2024	03/15/2024	03/15/2024
39	Regarding the reduction of the staff contingency (table on p 52), do we typically have excess funds in that line item? What was the average amount spent in staff contingency over the past couple of years? (BZS)				

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ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2024
TO: Members of the School Board
VIA: Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
FROM: Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of DEI & Student Support
Dr. Darrell Sampson, Executive Director, Office of Student Services

BUDGET QUESTION:

What is the total cost for ASL interpretation services? I understand that we have both our own FTEs and also consulting services for ASL interpretation and they seem to be in different parts of the budget.

Related – I would like to know how we evaluate the ASL Interpreter Resource Assistants and the contracted services we receive?