



Williamsburg-James City County School Board

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Dear Ladies & Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors and City Council:

The School Board Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$109,529,450, a revenue reduction of \$4,404,260, or -3.9% compared to Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

In reviewing the proposed budget, it is important to know that for the current 2009-2010 fiscal year, WJCC made the following budget cuts:

- \$694,738 (Central Office Administrative Positions): 6.5 FTEs
- \$404,426 (Central Office Support Positions): 8.5 FTEs
- \$574,637 (Central Office Non-Personnel Budgets)
- \$ 94,000 (Athletics)
- \$604,998 (School-Based Support Positions): 17 FTEs

Total current year reductions for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in WJCC = \$2,372,799 (32 FTEs listed above)

In addition to base budget adjustments and significant VRS reductions, the budget proposal for next year makes reductions in central office and support personnel and departmental budgets; including:

- Departmental non-personnel reductions of \$1,607,181 (or 24% of the reductions)
- Administrative and support positions reductions of \$543,240, 8 FTEs (or 8% of the reductions)

This proposed budget accomplishes a number of important matters in difficult economic times:

- Although some reductions occur, the target pupil-teacher ratio in Grades Pre-K thru 5 is 22:1
- Although some reductions occur, the target pupil-teacher ratio in Grades 6 thru 8 is 23:1
- Although some reductions occur, the target pupil-teacher ratio in Grades 9 thru 12 is at a most reasonable 25:1
- Preserves co-curricular and athletic opportunities important to students

These accomplishments are possible because of the City's and County's strong commitment to fund public education. WJCC is fortunate to have a strong partnership with both the governing bodies. We ask for your continued support in allocating the funds articulated in the budget proposal (approximately level funding from this year's adjusted appropriations).

We would be remiss if we did not recognize all the efforts of our faculty and staff, parents, community members and you as public servants. Because of the collective efforts, WJCC schools are a wonderful place in which our students learn and prosper. It is because of our schools, and the other benefits of our community, that people want to live and work here. Even in this economically difficult time, we remain resolute in providing a quality education for all the children so that they are equipped to compete successfully in the global marketplace.

Respectfully submitted,



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