

# CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL FAIRFAX COUNTY PARENTS AND STUDENTS

## Invest in Kids (to Support Full Funding for Our Schools)

Please join FACE, FLAGS, and other advocacy groups to advocate for full funding for our schools on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 4:45-6:00 pm at the indoor amphitheater of the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax).

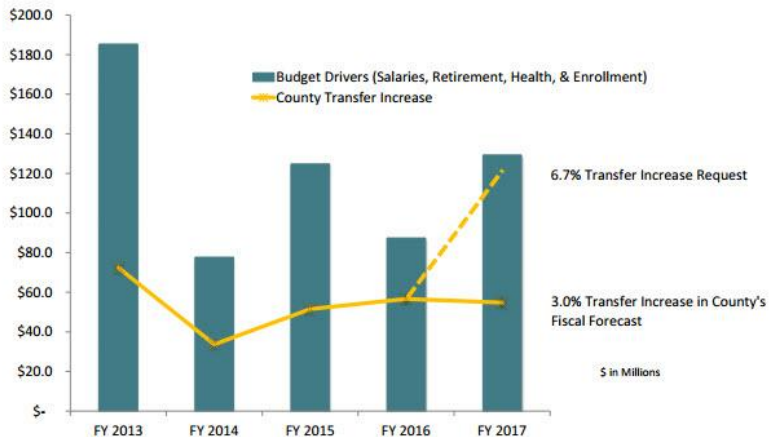
We need parents, students, and community members to come out and make a strong and visible show of support, so the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will provide the necessary funding for FCPS. **In the past, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have often not provided the full funding needed for FCPS and in several recent years, the transfer amount increases have been about half of what was requested. The same will happen this year if we do not ALL unite together and take action to make our voices heard.** See the graph below from the FY 2017 FCPS budget presentation to the BOS.

The Board of Supervisors contributes 70% of the FCPS budget. Their decision on funding will determine the future of our school system, athletics and activities, and programs like full-day kindergarten, band/strings, and language immersion.

### Increased County Funding Hasn't Covered Basic Budget Drivers

To balance the budget, a 6.7 percent increase in funding from the County is requested.

Recently, the increase in funding from the County has not covered FCPS' basic budget drivers: salary increases, enrollment increases and student demographic changes, rising health care costs, and increases in state retirement costs.



This event is co-sponsored by:

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Fairfax Arts Coalition for Education (FACE)

Fairfax County Council of PTA

Fairfax Education Association

Foreign Language Advocacy for Grade Schools (FLAGS).

If you would like to RSVP for the February 16 rally, please go to the following Sign Up Genius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084da4a929a1f49-invest>

Please feel free to share the link and all this info on social media.

**Please contact your Supervisors before March 1. Tell them to fully fund FCPS. #saveFCPS**

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**Want to know more?** Here is a great FCPS link with FAQs and resources:

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017/faq.shtml#thirteen>