



Proposed Full Day Kindergarten Expansion
Superintendent's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget
January 12, 2015

The Superintendent's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget would fund an expansion of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) to serve up to 1875 students. The expansion would allow the division to provide FDK to 100% of targeted at-risk students along with other students chosen by lottery. This would increase the percentage of LCPS students attending FDK from 11% to up to 38%. Every school with sufficient space (approximately 41 schools) would offer at least one FDK class. Some schools would operate regional FDK programs to serve FDK students who live in the attendance zones of schools without sufficient space for FDK.

Targeted At-Risk Students

Students who meet one or more of the following eligibility criteria would be considered part of the group of at-risk students automatically eligible for FDK:

- Students from low income families, as defined by eligibility for free- and reduced-price meals;
- Students with limited English proficiency [classified as English Language Learners (ELL) Levels I-IV]; and
- Special education students who were served in Early Childhood Special Education (served in a general education setting for 50% or more of the school day).

Universal FDK at Title I Schools

The division would continue to provide universal FDK at our four Title I schools. These schools, listed in Table 1, have the highest proportion of students from low-income families. All kindergarten students at these four schools attend FDK. No half-day Kindergarten classes are offered at these schools.

Table 1 Title One Universal FDK Schools
Guilford
Rolling Ridge
Sugarland
Sully

Other Schools with FDK

Approximately 37 other schools would also offer at least one FDK class. Table 2 sets forth a tentative list of these schools. Additional analysis would occur to confirm that these schools would offer at least one FDK class.

Table 2 Other Schools with FDK
Aldie
Algonkian
Arcola
Banneker
Belmont Station
Buffalo Trail

Cardinal Ridge
Catoctin
Cedar Lane
Countryside
Discovery
Dominion Trail
Emerick
Evergreen Mill
Forest Grove
Frances Hazel Reid
Frederick Douglass
Hamilton
Hillsboro
Horizon
John W. Tolbert
Kenneth W. Culbert
Leesburg
Lincoln
Little River
Lovettsville
Meadowland
Mountain View
Newton-Lee
Pinebrook
Potowmack
Round Hill
Sanders Corner
Seldens Landing
Sterling
Steuart W. Weller
Waterford

FDK for Students from Other Schools

Eligible students from schools without sufficient space for FDK would have the opportunity to attend FDK at a school with a regional program. Approximately fourteen schools (see Table 3) do not have space for FDK. For example, students at Creighton’s Corner ES might attend a regional program at Newton-Lee ES while students at Rosa Lee Carter ES could attend a regional program at Discovery ES.

A student attending a regional program could take a bus to his or her home school and then transfer to another bus to ride from his home school to a school with a regional FDK program.

These students would then return to their home school for grades 1 through 5.

Table 3 Attendance Zones of Students Who Would Attend Regional FDK Programs (No Space for FDK at These Schools)
Ashburn
Ball's Bluff
Cool Spring
Creighton's Corner
Hillside
Hutchison Farm
Legacy
Liberty
Lowe's Island
Lucketts
Mill Run
Moorefield Station
Rosa Lee Carter
Sycolin Creek

FDK for Students Who Do Not Meet Eligibility Criteria

Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria could enter a lottery for spaces unfilled by targeted at-risk students at each school. The details of the lottery would be fully developed if the expansion is implemented.

Estimated Additional Costs

The expansion of FDK would cost approximately \$3.5 million.

Additional Teachers (this is a net number: some half day Kindergarten teachers would be assigned to FDK)	26	\$91,300	\$2,373,800
Teaching Assistants (this is a net number: 20 ELL and some half day Kindergarten Teaching Assistants would be assigned to FDK)	6	\$46,666	\$279,999
PE, Art, Music Teachers for FDK students	8	\$91,300	\$730,400
Instructional Materials to Create a New Kindergarten Class	26	\$2,000	\$52,000
Estimated Additional Transportation Costs (staff, fuel, maintenance)			\$50,000
Projected Additional Costs			\$3,486,196

Enrollment Statistics

A sample breakdown of the projected student population is provided in Table 4.

Table 4 Projected Student Population	
ELL students	553
Students from low income families	263
Students who are ELL & from low income families	504
Special education students*	117
Total targeted at-risk students	1,437
Lottery students	438
Total FDK students	1875

*Please note that the projected number of special education students (117) is likely an overestimate. It does not exclude special education students who are from low income families and/or are ELL students. Thus, a limited number of students are included in multiple rows in Table 1.

Table 5 illustrates that the number of targeted at-risk students who attend a school with FDK will vary. Table 5 includes the number of projected eligible students in the attendance zone of each elementary school who are eligible because of ELL and/or low-income status. This projection was calculated based on the current proportion of Kindergarten students meeting these eligibility criteria, as well as projected growth for the school. This table does not include special education students who do not meet the ELL and/or low income status eligibility criteria. The actual number of eligible students per school will vary from the projection.

Table 5 Projected Number of Students Eligible Because of ELL and/or Low-Income Status Does Not Include Eligible Special Needs Students 2015-2016	
Aldie	3
Algonkian	9
Arcola	20
Ashburn	18
Ball's Bluff	22
Banneker	7
Belmont Station	9
Buffalo Trail	6
Cardinal Ridge	19
Catoctin	28
Cedar Lane	31
Cool Spring	37
Countryside	36
Creighton's Corner	24
Discovery	26
Dominion Trail	35
Emerick	9
Evergreen Mill	38

Forest Grove	50
Frances Hazel Reid	50
Frederick Douglass	33
Guilford	78
Hamilton	3
Hillsboro	1
Hillside	7
Horizon	17
Hutchison Farm	29
J.W. Tolbert	42
Kenneth W. Culbert	4
Leesburg	22
Legacy	12
Liberty	33
Lincoln	5
Little River	11
Lovettsville	8
Loves Island	10
Lucketts	11
Meadowland	21
Mill Run	12
Moorefield Station	35
Mountain View	10
Newton-Lee	16
Pinebrook	20
Potowmack	34
Rolling Ridge	56
Rosa Lee Carter	37
Round Hill	11
Sanders Corner	10
Seldens Landing	13
Sterling	44
Steuart W. Weller	28
Sugarland	69
Sully	84
Sycolin Creek	16
Waterford	1