



# Arlington Public Schools

## School Board's Adopted FY 2008 Budget

On May 3, the School Board adopted the Arlington Public Schools budget for the 2007-2008 school year (FY 2008). The \$416.6 million budget continues and strengthens efforts to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan: raising achievement for all; eliminating gaps among certain groups of students; creating conditions responsive to each student's talents, interests, and challenges; and building effective relationships with parents and the community.

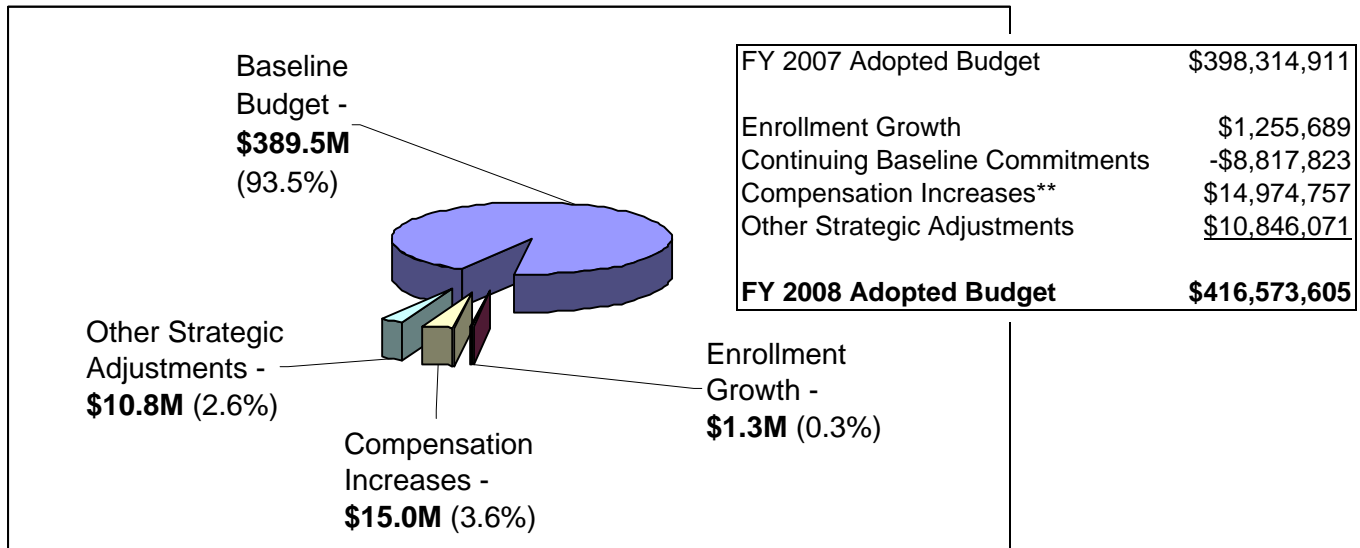
### FY 2008 Expenditure Breakdown

	FY 2008 Adopted Budget	% of Total Budget	
Salary Costs	\$234,570,021	56.3%	<b>Total salaries and benefits projected for APS' employees (3,613.71 positions) make up 76.3% of the total budget.</b>
Benefits Costs	\$83,228,472	20.0%	
Capital Costs	\$13,936,786	3.3%	
Debt Service* Costs	\$27,670,948	6.6%	
Other Operating Costs	\$51,767,378	12.4%	
On-going Reserves	\$5,400,000	1.3%	
<b>Total Adopted Budget</b>	<b>\$416,573,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

\*Debt Service represents the principal and interest payments due on financing arrangements for past and present capital projects.

### By How Much and Why is the Budget Increasing?

When compared to the FY 2007 Adopted Budget, the FY 2008 Adopted Budget increases by \$18.3 million, or 4.6%. Increases in the budget may be categorized as adjustments to baseline commitments, enrollment growth, compensation (salaries and benefits) increases, and other strategic adjustments. A summary of major strategic adjustments will follow.



\*\*The Compensation Increases category includes annual step increases, fringe benefit rate changes, and the 2.2% compensation adjustment approved by the School Board.

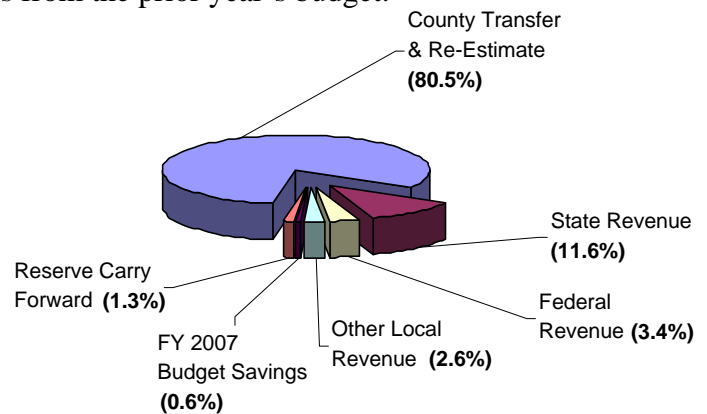
## What Compensation Adjustments and Major Strategic Adjustments are Included in the FY 2008 Budget?

<b>Compensation Adjustments</b>	
• Annual step increases for all employees	\$5.5 million
• 2.2% compensation adjustment for all employees (in addition to steps)	\$5.7 million
• Fringe benefits rate changes	\$3.3 million
• Increase defined contribution match from \$390 per year or 1.4% of salary to \$600 per year or 1.7% of salary, whichever is greater	\$0.5 million
<b>Major Strategic Adjustments</b>	
• Construction funds for Washington-Lee and Reed projects	\$7.1 million
• Head Start program placeholder	\$1.9 million
• Support services compensation adjustments	\$0.6 million
• Reduce planning factor by 1 in grades 1-5	\$0.4 million
• Expansion of the elementary foreign language program	\$0.3 million

### How is the Budget Funded?

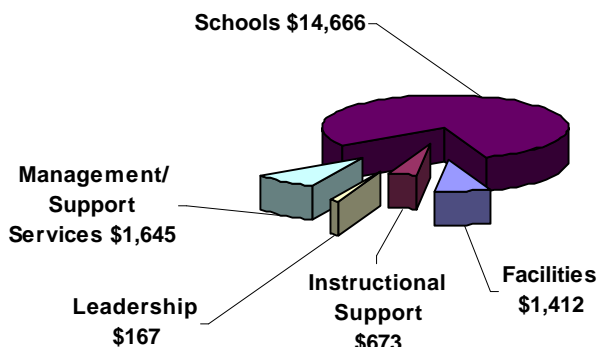
Arlington County taxpayers fund the vast majority of the operations of the school system. In fact, 80.5% of all revenue comes from the County. Other sources of revenue include funds from the State and Federal governments, local revenue from fees charged by APS such as Summer School tuition or lunch costs, and projected savings from the prior year's budget.

<b>Breakdown of FY 2008 Revenue</b>	
County Transfer & Re-Estimate	\$335,393,850
State Revenue	\$48,195,396
Federal Revenue	\$14,094,693
Other Local Revenue (tuition, fees)	\$11,027,751
FY 2007 Budget Savings	\$2,461,915
Reserve Carry Forward	\$5,400,000
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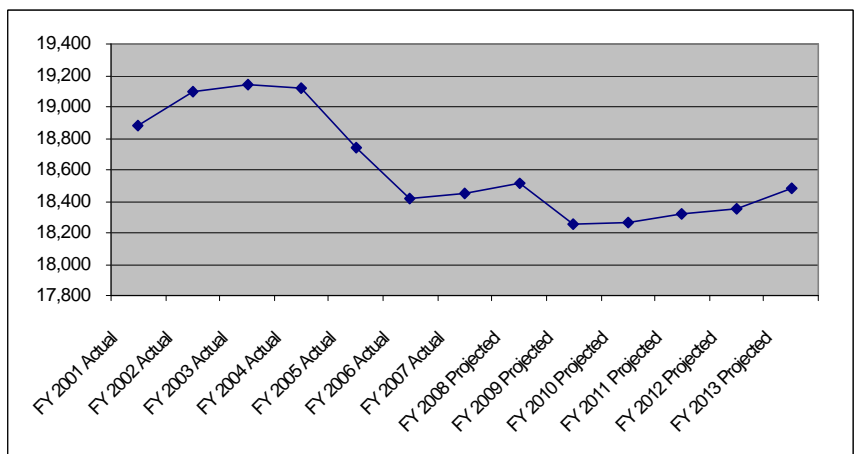


### Breakdown of Cost Per Pupil

FY 2008 Cost Per Pupil = \$18,563



### Enrollment History and Projections



Additional information related to the FY 2008 Budget and budget process may be found at

<http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/currentnews/budget/index.shtml> The final budget document will be available and posted to the APS website within the next month. Questions may be addressed to Bonnie Jewell, Budget Director, at [bjewell@arlington.k12.va.us](mailto:bjewell@arlington.k12.va.us) or by calling (703) 228-6177.