

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 8, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #12: REQUEST FROM THE ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO AMEND THE PROPOSED FY 2003 BUDGET TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL STEP IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM PAY PLAN

The City's Proposed FY 2003 Operating Budget includes funding for the extension of the City's pay plans by one step to accommodate those employees who have reached the end of their pay grade and are, therefore, not eligible to receive a merit increase. The proposed funding amount of \$400,000 is for City government employees.

The Superintendent of Schools has written the City, indicating that the School Board has amended the Schools' FY 2003 Proposed budget and has requested that the City's Proposed FY 2003 Budget be amended, to include funding for an additional step in each of the Schools's three pay plans. The cost of the step is estimated to be \$677,239 which will increase the School's budget request to \$135,271,504, and the City's appropriation to the Schools to \$115,609,919. Because this request was made after submission of the City's Proposed FY 2003 budget, any budget amendment will need to be made during City Council's add/delete process.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter dated March 22, 2002, from the Superintendent of Alexandria Public Schools

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Dear Mr. Sunderland:

At the March 21, 2002 School Board Meeting, the School Board voted to amend the FY 2003 School Budget to include a 2.3 percent step for "topped out" employees.

Twenty-six percent of school employees are at the top of their pay scales. In order to ensure that our compensation for employees is consistent with the City employees, we respectfully request that the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget be amended to include funding for the additional step for school employees for a cost of \$677,239, resulting in a total operating budget of \$135,271,504.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca L. Perry'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'R'.

Rebecca L. Perry
Superintendent

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cc: The Honorable Mayor Kerry J. Donley
The Honorable Mark R. Eaton
The Honorable Susan J. Johnson
The Honorable Sally Ann Baynard
The Honorable Linda D. Cheatham
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