

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 27, 2001
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #40 : FY 2002 BUDGET DATA FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

In follow up to City Council discussion at the April 25th budget work session, this memorandum provides comparative information on the funding allocations to the Alexandria City Public Schools and four of the neighboring jurisdictions (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties).

The attached table provides information on the General Fund transfers and CIP funding allocations to the five school districts for FY 2002. Also included is a comparison of school enrollment as a percentage of total population.

It should be noted that the General Fund transfer for all jurisdictions bears a relationship to the number of children enrolled as a percentage of the total population. The jurisdictions with a higher percentage of enrolled students contribute a higher proportion of their General Fund Budget to education.

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**FY 2002 Budget Data for City/County Contributions to Schools  
(In millions)**

Jurisdiction	Operating Transfer	Operating as % of GF Budget	Cash Capital Allocation	Debt Service /1	Total GF Transfer	Total Transfer as % of GF Budget	Total GF Budget	Local Support of School Capital /3
Alexandria	\$108.14	30.9%	\$3.99	\$2.24	\$114.37	32.7%	\$349.93	\$17.78
Arlington County	\$182.00	31.3%	\$4.20	\$16.80	\$203.00	34.9%	\$582.00	\$25.55
Fairfax County	\$1,078.1	46.7%		\$105.53	\$1,183.63	51.2%	\$2,310.00	\$116.61
Loudoun County	\$215.03 /2	45.6%	\$7.03	\$43.40	\$265.46	56.2%	\$472.00	\$165.10
Prince William County	\$193.20	40.5%		\$32.04	\$225.24	47.3%	\$476.64	\$64.64

- /1 While counties issue debt specifically for school projects and can isolate debt service for schools, cities such as Alexandria issue debt generically, not tied to specific projects. Therefore, school debt service is estimated for Alexandria.
- /2 The operating transfer for Loudoun County includes the transfer to the Capital Asset Fund of \$3.63 million.
- /3 Reflects FY 2002 funding for all jurisdictions except Arlington where FY 2002 information is not yet available. Arlington FY 2001 data is utilized.

**Comparison of Total Population to School Enrollment**

Jurisdiction	Projected Enrollment 2002	Total Population (2000 Census)	2002 Enrollment as a % Total Population
City of Alexandria	11,637	128,283	9.1%
Arlington County	19,299	189,453	10.2%
Fairfax County	165,016	969,749	17.0%
Loudoun County	56,935	280,813	20.3%
Prince William County	34,500	169,599	20.3%