

NOTES ON MAYOR'S FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DCPS

Taking into account the projected enrollment increase, the proposed DCPS budget for next year (FY 21) is very similar to that for this year. The detail indicates that it is a pre-Pandemic budget, meaning that reallocations, at least within categories, are likely pending the development of specific plans.

Despite the forecast of diminished DC revenues this year, the FY 20 Revised Budget is higher than the Original in total dollars but a little lower in per pupil dollars because actual enrollment was over 1,000 students higher than originally projected.

As for next year, compared to actual funding (Revised Budget) and enrollment (Audited) this year, per pupil funding at the local schools will rise by almost 2% next year. Central office funding – functions not providing direct services to students – will fall by about 6%. Schools staff positions will rise by 4.5%

Enrollment	FY20 Projected	FY20 Audited	FY21 Projected	FY20-21 Incr Projected	FY20-21 Incr Audit-Proj'd
\$\$ per pupil	FY20 Orig	FY20 Rev'd	FY21 Prop'd	FY20 Orig to FY21 Prop'd	FY20 Rev'd to FY21 Prop'd
Schools	\$14,362	\$14,251	\$14,340	-0.2%	+0.6%
Schoolwide	\$3,496	\$3,267	\$3,492	-0.1%	+6.9%
Subtotal	\$17,840	\$17,491	\$17,816	-0.1%	+1.9%
Central	\$3,591	\$3,665	\$3,431	-4.5%	-6.4%
Total	\$21,449	\$21,183	\$21,263	-0.9%	+0.4%

These numbers are preliminary, pending more exact analysis, but final numbers will change very little. Analysis of Schoolwide by function indicates that Schools + Schoolwide combined are a reasonable estimate of the amount budgeted for direct services to students.

Schools: Local school budgets

Schoolwide: Central budget accounts, but mostly direct services at schools such as substitutes, special education therapists and dedicated aides, athletics, summer school teachers & aides, food service, security guards, utilities. Drop in Schoolwide in the Revised Budget apparently attributable to use of Enrollment Reserve to provide additional resources at some schools whose actual enrollment significantly exceeded projected enrollment.

Central: The rest, mostly not direct services to students

Source: Data file including full SOAR codes, supplemented for Schoolwide by budget book detail.

DETAILS: Dollars

\$\$ in millions	FY20 Original	FY20 Revised	FY 21 Proposed	FY20 Rev'd Change over Orig	FY21 Change over Orig	FY21 Change over Revised
Schools	\$718.1	\$727.3	\$760.2	+1.3%	+5.9%	+4.5%
Schoolwide	\$173.9	\$165.4	\$184.2	-4.6%	+5.9%	+11.4%
Subtotal	\$892.1	\$892.6	\$944.4	+0.1%	+5.9%	+5.8%
Central	\$179.6	\$187.1	\$181.9	+4.2%	+1.3%	-2.8%
Total	\$1072.5	\$1081.1	\$1127.1	-0.8%	+5.1%	+4.3%

Revenue Source \$\$ in millions	FY20 Original	FY20 Revised	FY21 Proposed	Change Orig to Revised	Change Rev'd to Prop'd
Local funds	\$902.5	\$906.7	\$979.4	\$ 4.2	\$72.7
Federal payment	30.0	17.5	17.5	-12.5	0
Federal grants	15.9	14.1	5.9	-1.8	-8.2
Private grants & donations	2.7	10.3	0.3	7.7	-10.0
Fees, reimbursements, etc.	15.2	15.2	12.0	0	-3.2
IntraDistrict (most federal \$\$)	106.2	117.2	112.0	11.0	-5.1
Total	\$1,072.5	\$1,081.1	\$1,127.1	\$ 8.6	\$46.1

The two tables together demonstrate that the better comparison is between FY20 Revised and FY21, with a focus on local funds. Local revenues are what we control, and what must be used before the end of the fiscal year. Amounts of expected federal and private funding usually change significantly after budget approval, and most can be carried over into the next fiscal year.

DETAILS: Full-Time Equivalent Positions (not available for Revised Budget)

FTEs	FY20 FTE	FY21 FTE	Change
Schools	7,214	7,614	+5.6%
Schoolwide	726	681	-6.2%
Subtotal	7,940	8,295	+4.5%
Central	885	957	+8.1%
Total	8,831	9,258	+4.8%

Revenue Source	FY20 FTE	FY21 FTE	Change FY20 to FY21
Local funds	8,026.78	8,472.58	445.8
Federal payment	144	166	22
Federal grants	120.15	62.01	-58.14
Private grants & donations	0	0	0
Fees, reimbursements, etc.	24.7	62.67	37.97
IntraDistrict (most federal \$\$)	514.99	494.6	-20.39
Total	8,830.62	9,257.86	427.24

FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS FUNDING (CARES Act):

DCPS is expected to receive about \$26 million from the federal Education Stabilization Fund, part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Estimated total funding for DC PK-12 education in the table below is derived from U.S. Department of Education tables, with allocations based on the percentage of FY 19 Title I expenditures for DCPS, charters & private school “equitable services,” as directed by the legislation. Funds are to be used for remote learning, safe re-opening, mental health, and academic catch-up. The table assumes DC will ignore recent Department of Education guidance to give more to private schools. We do not know whether the District has received these funds yet, but they are not listed in the Mayor’s proposed budget. They are to be spent promptly, however.

Estimated DC Funding	ESSERF	GEERF	Total
DCPS	\$22,181,696	\$3,407,531	\$25,589,226
Charters	\$13,912,505	\$2,137,226	\$16,049,730
Private school services	\$1,711,519	\$262,922	\$1,974,441
OSSE	\$4,200,635	\$ -	\$4,200,635
Total	\$42,006,342	\$5,8067,678	\$47,814,020

ESSERS: Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund

GEERF: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

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