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School Board Budget Process to Begin

As 2006 begins, the Falls Church City Public Schools budget process for the next school year is already underway. The next step is Superintendent Lois Berlin's presentation of the proposed budget at the school board meeting on January 10. After that, a series of hearings will be held for public input. Below are several important dates in the budget process.

Members of the public who would like to comment to the board concerning the Superintendent's proposed budget may do so in person at the public hearings at 7:30 p.m. on January 24 and February 14, or may address comments in writing to the School Board at 803 West Broad St., Suite 300, Falls Church, VA 22046, or email comments to mitchellb@fccps.org. For more information call 703-248-5601.

- January 10 - Superintendent's Proposed Budget presented to the School Board at the Regular School Board Meeting in the Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Cafetorium at 7:30 p.m.
- January 21 - School Board Worksession I: Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Library: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- January 24 - School Board Public Hearing I at the Regular School Board Meeting in the Chambers of City Hall (PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION) – 7:30 p.m.
- February 4 - School Board Worksession II in the Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Library: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- February 14 - School Board Public Hearing II at the Regular School Board Meeting in the Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Cafetorium – 7:30 p.m.
- February 22 - School Board Public Hearing III: MEHMS - 7:00 p.m. followed by School Board Worksession III (if needed)
- February 28 - School Board budget vote scheduled at 7:30 p.m. (Regular School Board Meeting)

The board's budget worksessions are open to members of the public as observers.

Once the school board votes on its budget, it is forwarded to the Falls Church City Council. City council meetings that involve the schools' portion of the budget include:

- Monday, March 13: City manager and school board chair present budgets to city council at the city council meeting in the Chambers of City Hall
- Thursday, March 30: City Council Budget Worksession on the Schools in the City Hall Training Center
- Monday, April 10: First reading of the budget at the city council meeting in the Chambers of City Hall
- Thursday, April 13: City Council Budget Worksession on the Schools in the City Hall Training Center
- Tuesday, April 18: Tentative date for special meeting, if needed, for the city council and the school board
- Monday, April 24: Second reading of budget and adoption by city council at the city council meeting in the Chambers of City Hall

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