# Highlights of 2022–2024 Biennial Budget as Introduced by Governor Northam

January 11, 2022

## **State Funding**

- Increase to Local Composite Index (LCI)
  - .2879 to .2912 (increase of .0033)
- SOQ Rebenchmarking

Increase of \$1.9M

- Maintains current Instructional VRS employer rates as FY22 budget (16.62%)
  - Does not use the lower rate recommended by the VRS Board (14.76%)

#### **State Funding**

- Provides additional At-Risk Funding
  - Increases from 26.0% in FY22 to 49.5% in FY23
    - Increase of \$1.2M
  - Decreases to 36% in FY24
    - Decrease of \$714,000 over FY23
  - Must be spent on at-risk students
- Expands Early Reading Intervention (PALS) to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **State Funding**

Provides School Construction Grants Program

- \$2.5M (only funded in FY23)
- No local match required
- Must be spend on non-recurring construction, renovation, technology or debt service costs
- Can be carried forward to FY24 & FY25
- Provides 5% salary increase for SOQ funded positions each year of the biennium
  - 5% FY23 & 5% FY24
  - Increase of \$1.28M for FY23

#### Costs

- Salary Increases:
  - Teacher 5% \$1.5M
    - Increases starting salary from \$46,500 to \$48,534
  - UPP 5% \$675,000\*
  - Transportation\$ 66,000\*
- \* Does not include any adjustments based on recommendations from compensation study

# Legislative Issues

- Eliminating Support Cap
  - Was eliminated in 2009–2010 during Great Recession
  - Started out as "temporary" Still remains
  - "Support" positions were funded on prevailing cost method – which meant that school divisions were funded based on actual positions not a ratio or cap
  - Since 2010 DCPS has lost \$13,162,504 by not using prevailing costs
  - Will it go away in this biennium?
    - This may be the year.....

# **Support Positions**

- Assistant Superintendent
- Instructional Professional
- Instructional Technical/Clerical
- Attendance & Health Administrative
- Attendance & Health Technical/Clerical
- Administration Administrative
- Administration Technical/Clerical
- Technology Professional
- Technology Technical/Clerical
- Operation & Maintenance
- Support Technology
- School Based Clerical
- Operation & Maintenance Technical/Clerical

#### Next Steps

- Determine ADM for FY23 Budget
  - Current budget based on 4,150 students
  - Recommend reducing to 4,080 students
- Determining mandated increases
  - Utilities
  - Fuel
  - Contracted costs

# Next Steps

- Currently reviewing all requested increases to budgets
- Evaluating historical spending
- Evaluating new position/reclassification requests
- Implementation plan from compensation study

# Questions?