## **The Dinwiddie Difference:** Education for a Lifetime





## **Our Work**

### Vision

Every student is life-ready and has a plan for lifelong success.

### Mission

Provide each student the opportunity to become a productive citizen, engaging the entire community in the educational needs of our children.



## **Comprehensive Plan**

### **Student Success**

We will reach, challenge, and prepare every student for success in school and life.

### **Caring Culture**

We will create positive, safe, and engaging learning and work environments.

### **Exemplary Staff**

We will retain and recruit high-performing employees who put students first, practice inclusivity, and inherently add

value to the organization.

### **Resource Stewardship**

We will champion the needs of our school communities and be responsible stewards of the public's investment.



## **FY2023 Budget Priorities**

## Invest in our staff Invest in student needs

Invest in infrastructure



## Invest in our Staff

## We must remain competitive to RETAIN and recruit the most talented teachers.

## We must address salary compression and be market competitive.

### Source: Evergreen Salary Study



## **Compensation & Benefits**

According to the Virginia Education Association, teacher pay in Virginia ranks 26th in the country.

The average annual teacher salary in Virginia is \$57,665 — more than \$6,468 below the national average, according to the association.

Pay for other professionals typically trails national averages, as well as private industry pay.

Health care costs have increased again this year by 24% **(\$1.4M)**. The school division already pays \$4.5M in costs on behalf of employees.

👻 Evergreen Salary Study is complete and has provided recommendations.



## **Staffing Matters**

## **2022-2023** positions 424.85

678.5 positions 424.85 SOQ Funded

### **Commitments for FY2023**

Raise teacher base salary

Raise UPP to minimum wage

Ensure competitive salaries

Provide a retention bonus

Absorb majority of health care costs



### **Regional Teacher Compensation**

The current starting teacher salary in Dinwiddie County is **\$46,500.** 

2022-23 Proposed \$50,000

#### FY 2022 Teacher Salary - Entry Level





### FY2023 Compensation & Benefits

| <b>SOQ funded anticipated</b><br>5% Raise   | \$1,084,213         |
|---|---------------------|
| Teachers<br>Beginning salary to \$50,000 + step<br>7.36% - 9.96% Proposed Raise                                     | \$1,988,796         |
| Transportation<br>6% Raise in January 2022 +5% to starting salary<br>11.25% - 12.79% Proposed Raise since July 2021 | \$ 174,634          |
| All other employees<br>Beginning salary to minimum wage + step<br>7.7% - 8.12% Proposed Raise                       | \$1, 019,361        |
| Health Insurance Costs  | \$ 911, <b>42</b> 5 |
| Proposed Absorbed by DCPS<br>Total  | \$3,010,003         |



## **Student Enrollment**





## **Student Snapshot**

Fall Membership by Subgroups

#### 2020 Fall Membership By Subgroup: Racial and Ethnic Groups





## **Diverse Learning Needs**

#### More Speakers of other Languages

Our ESL population continues to grow, requiring additional teachers & support staff.

### Special Education

Our special education students continue to require specific attention to meet needs and IEP requirements.

#### Student Health and Wellness



#### Our students are presenting with more complicated health conditions. Mental Health Concerns

A significant number of students are living with their own mental health needs, coping with family members who have experienced and/or are experiencing exposure to more trauma.



## **Invest in Students**

## **Early Learning Expansion** PALS K-5 **Work-Based Learning Opportunities Regional Programs Contracted Services (OT/Audiology)** Total +\$469,003



## **Invest in Students**

## Targeted investments to ensure high-quality instruction

### Maintain site-based substitutes

### Stipends for hard-to-staff positions



## **Reality and Competition**

- There is a national teacher shortage. Only 3,167 new teachers in Virginia in 2019 (pre-pandemic);
  - top 3 counties hire 2,500. Less than 5% of people are entering the profession.
- There is a finite amount of funding available to support what sometimes seems to be an infinite amount of need.
- 👾 Cost increases annual in all areas.
- There can be a difficult balance between addressing growth/ideas.
- We are in a competitive market for teachers, drivers, staff, services, etc.
  - We are required to be in compliance with state and federal laws; however, very little are accompanied by full funding (i.e. teachers, counselors, support positions, teacher salaries).



## The Bottom Line

# High-Quality Teachers One of the largest factors in a student's success is the classroom teacher. In a competitive market, we must continue to retain and recruit the best. We are losing good teachers to other professions & districts.

### 👾 Differentiated Support

While continuing to meet Virginia's minimum staffing requirements, we also must differentiate resources to support the needs of a diverse student population.



### **Challenges Related to Staff & Students**

## Salary competitiveness **Retaining and recruiting staff Unfunded mandates** Meeting evolving needs Aging facilities



## **Other Increases**

**Building Maintenance Custodial Services Utilities** Fuel Total \$183,285

### Developing the budget



Addressing the needs/expectations of the school community



## Legal requirement: Local

## Va. Code 22.1-92. Estimate of moneys needed for public schools; notice of costs to be distributed.

It shall be the duty of each superintendent to prepare, with the approval of the school board, and submit to the governing body or bodies appropriating funds for the school division by the date specified in 15.2-2503, the **estimate of the amount of money to be needed** during the next fiscal year for the support of the public schools of the school division.



## FY2023 State Revenue

The proposed operating budget:



Revenue is based on the previous Govenor Northam's proposed budget (+3.3M)

Excludes \$2.5M for school construction/modernization grant under consideration.

Provides additional funds for teacher pay, at-risk programming, per-pupil, enrollment loss, early reading, English language learners.



## FY2023 LCI Updated

The Local Composite Index determines a school division/locality's ability to pay educational costs fundamental to the state's Standards of Quality.

The LCI is based on true value of real estate, adjusted gross income and taxable retail sales.

The LCI increased from .2879 to .2912.

County continues to exceed required local effort.



## **Community Expectations**

- Qualified, outstanding educators
- Students to graduate on-time & life-ready
- Eearning environments to be safe, supportive & nurturing
- Services available based on children's needs
- Children to be transported to/from school
- Buildings & grounds to be maintained

### A needs-based budget FY2023 Proposed





### Proposed budget request

- Funds operations for the 2022-23 school year
- Meets states requirements and guidelines
- Helps meet many community expectations
- Serves a diverse learning community
- Retains and recruits a high-quality workforce
- Aligns staffing with current student/school needs



### Proposed Revenue Operating Fund

| Category               | FY22<br>Adopted | FY23<br>Proposed | Change       |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| County Transfer        | \$15,690,100    | \$16,190,100     | \$ 500,000   |
| Local                  | \$ 144,976      | \$ 144,976       | \$ O         |
| State                  | \$28,325,447    | \$31,295,501     | \$ 2,970,054 |
| Sales Tax              | \$ 4,969,488    | \$ 5,575,217     | \$ 605,729   |
| Medicaid Reimbursement | \$ 150,000      | \$ 85,000        | \$ (65,000)  |
| Federal                | \$ 159,500      | \$ 155,000       | \$ (4,500)   |
| Total                  | \$49,439,511    | \$53,445,794     | \$ 4,006,283 |



### **PROPOSED REVENUE** Only School Operating





## **FY2023 Proposed Expenditures**





## **COMMUNITY INPUT**



### Electronic Communication

- O Via email: info@dcpsnet.org
- O Via email: bgholson@dcpsnet.org
- O Via email: https://www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us/discoverdcps/school-board/



## FY2023 Budget

- Entire Presentation is Available on the Website:
- https://www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us/departments/finance/budget/

### Tonight:

FY23 Proposed School Operating Budget
Additional opportunities for community review and input
School Visits planned



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