

## FCCPTA Applauds FCPS Superintendent for Focus on What Makes FCPS a World-Class School System

*Dr. Scott Brabrand asks for 4.9 percent increase in FY2019 budget to bring teacher salaries closer to the market average*

FALLS CHURCH, VA – January 19, 2018 – Fairfax County School Superintendent, Dr. Scott Brabrand, presented his first proposed budget – FY2019 budget for school year 2018-2019 school year – to the Fairfax County School Board on January 11. The \$2.9 billion proposed budget provides a 4.9 percent increase (\$96.9 million) over FY2018 funding levels with the focus on recruiting, retaining, and supporting teachers in and outside of the classroom.

“FCCPTA appreciates Dr. Brabrand’s focus on keeping our teachers here in Fairfax County,” said Beth Tudan, president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA). “The most important indicator for student achievement is a great teacher in the classroom. Every FCPS student deserves a wonderful teacher.”

Dr. Brabrand indicated during his presentation that budget challenges remain as FCPS continues to deal with employee compensation and keeping pace with increased expenditures due to increases student enrollment and demographic changes, employee benefits, and investments in capital and infrastructure projects.

“Dr. Brabrand is spot on when he indicated that the [budget should focus on the people](#) – teachers, school leaders, and school support staff – that make our school system a world-class school system,” said Tony Shivers, Vice President of Advocacy, FCCPTA. “FCCPTA’s continues to work with the School Board and the Board of Supervisors to ensure FCPS remains a world-class education system for students, teachers, families, and businesses.”

The FY2019 proposed budget reflects FCPS’ main priorities to ensure all students achieve Portrait of a Graduate outcomes, closing achievement and opportunity gaps, starting the school year with a qualified teacher in every classroom, and ensuring teacher pay reaches market average.

The School Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the FCPS FY2019 proposed budget on January 29 (30-31 if needed). FCCPTA urges its members to reserve speaking slots to tell their stories about how the budget affects their students, teachers, schools, and communities. FCCPTA members should also build relationships with their local school board members and supervisors and communicate with them throughout the year to update them on how their students, schools, and communities are doing. FCCPTA members can reserve speaking slots with the School Board Clerk at <https://www.fcps.edu/school-board/citizen-participation>. FY2019 budget documents can be found on the FCPS website at <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/budget-documents>.

### ABOUT FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs

The Fairfax County Council of PTAs is part of the National PTA network, the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. FCCPTA represents 170+ individual school PTAs and PTSAs consisting of 35,000+ members whose mission is to make every Fairfax County child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Further information about FCCPTA can be found at [www.fcpta.org](http://www.fcpta.org).