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# DOLLAR\$ and \$ENSE



An online newsletter by Chesapeake Public Schools for the FY 2017 budget

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BUDGET 2017  
MISCONCEPTIONS

Welcome to **Dollar\$ and \$en\$e**, a publication produced while the budget for the 2016–2017 school year (FY 2017) is proposed, discussed, and approved. It contains the latest budget news and important dates and clarifies budget misconceptions in order to help the CPS community better understand the budget and the budget process.

At the January 11, 2016, School Board Meeting, Chesapeake Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Roberts gave an update on the Governor’s Proposed Budget. Below are highlights from the presentation. The full presentation can be [accessed here](#).

- Total state revenue increase - \$14.1M
  - Sales tax increase - \$1.9M
  - VRS rate change - \$1M (14.06% to 14.66%)
  - Enrollment increase - \$1.5M
  - LCI Change - \$4.3M
  - Re-Benchmarking - \$4.2M
  - New Elementary Teachers (28) - \$1.166M
- Funding for new teachers
  - Year 1 – 28 elementary teachers
    - State revenue provided - \$1.166M
    - Local cost to CPS to add teachers - \$.95M
  - Year 2 – 28 elementary teachers and 34 secondary teachers
    - State revenue provided - \$2.7M
    - Local cost to CPS to add teachers - \$2.1M

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**Misconception:** Virginia’s recession caused a temporary reduction in state funding to education.

**Fact:** State funding cuts to education were driven by a drop in state revenue. Legislators made permanent changes to the state funding formula that reduced state support. In January of 2016, *The Commonwealth Institute* published an article addressing this fact. [Click here](#) to view *Virginia’s Eroding Standards of Quality: How the State Slashed Support for Virginia’s Schools since the Recession* (Chris Duncombe and Michael Cassidy).

*Heard a misconception? E-mail [kellie.goral@cpschools.com](mailto:kellie.goral@cpschools.com). We will respond to the most frequently mentioned misconceptions in upcoming issues.*

### Important Budget Dates:

**February 8** – Presentation on the Superintendent’s 2016–2017 Budget  
**February 29** – Public Hearing and Work Session  
**March 14** – Public Hearing, Work Session & Final Action  
**March 23** – Final Action & Approval