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Welcome to *Dollar\$ and \$en\$e*, a publication produced while the budget for the 2015–2016 school year (FY 2016) 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 February 9, 2015, School Board Meeting, Chesapeake Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Roberts gave a detailed presentation on the Proposed 2015/2016 Budget. Below are highlights from the presentation. The full presentation can be [accessed here](#).

- Current proposed budget is about **\$4.9 million out of balance**.
- FY 15/16 Operating Budget changes from FY 14/15 include:
 - 2% salary increase for all full-time employees (\$5.5M)
 - Textbook funding (\$1.9M)
 - Hospitalization costs projected to go up by \$5 million
 - Position reductions using attrition
- What is NOT in the Operating Budget:
 - Positions and Human Resources (restored support positions, staffing to restore lower pupil-teacher ratio, adequate pay increase, data quality clerks for all schools)
 - Instruction (additional remediation, full-time graduation coaches, expansion of distance learning, full-day kindergarten, expansion of preschool program, expansion of alternate education programs, restoration of classroom supplies, sufficient new and replacement equipment)
 - Transportation and Operations (sufficient bus and vehicle replacement, school bus radio system, sufficient school plant equipment and supplies for repairs, sufficient custodial equipment and supplies, sufficient classroom furniture, sufficient computers and related equipment)

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BUDGET 2016 MISCONCEPTIONS

Misconception: The School Board has the means of generating revenue for the school budget.

Fact: The School Board and/or school division do not have a taxing authority and, therefore, cannot generate or produce revenue for the school budget. The school division's operating budget ultimately has two major funding sources - the city and the state. The school division has been fortunate that the city has not changed how schools are funded; however, **Chesapeake has lost millions in state funding every year since the 2008-2009 school year** due to the changes in the funding formula. State revenues have started to rebound since the economic downturn, yet so far K-12 has not been a recipient of any of the increased dollars.

Heard a misconception? E-mail kellie.goral@cpschools.com. We will respond to the most frequently mentioned misconceptions in upcoming issues.

Important Budget Dates:

February 23 – Work Session and Public Hearing
March 9 – Final Action