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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Chair of the School Board of York County, I am writing to inform you that the School Board may need to cut an additional \$1.8 million or more from the School Board-proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

During last night's Board of Supervisors Work Session, several members of the Board of Supervisors appeared to be focused on reducing by \$1.2 million or more the appropriation to our schools that was recommended by the County Administrator. Recognizing that the County Administrator suggested appropriating \$600,000 less to our schools than the amount proposed by the School Board, this would require the School Board to cut an additional \$1.8 million or more from our proposed budget.

Even **if** we reduced expenditures relating to the Virginia Retirement System, and even **if** we adjusted the employee health insurance program or premiums, we would need to make other significant reductions. For example, these other reductions could include additional cuts of classroom teachers and para-educators. These reductions would be in addition to other cuts included in the School Board proposed budget for next year, such as the elimination of 14 positions, as well as other cuts adopted in recent years, including the elimination of 124 positions.

The Board of Supervisors had announced they would vote on the county budget at their meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7 in the York Hall East Room. More recently, they have stated that they may vote on the county budget at their Work Session on Thursday, May 2 (tomorrow) at 6:00 p.m. in the York Hall East Room. These meetings are open to the public, although a public comment period is not scheduled.

If you have input regarding the school and/or county budget, you may provide that input through [emails](#) to members of the School Board and Board of Supervisors. For detailed information regarding the School Board's proposed budget, please visit the home page of the division web site and click on the link entitled [FY14 Operating Budget update](#). Thank you.

Barbara S. Haywood
School Board Chair