



# House Appropriations Committee

**2016-18 PreK-12  
Budget Briefing**

**January 20, 2016**

# Rebenchmarking

**Fully funds the cost of  
rebenchmarking the Standards of  
Quality and additional updates**

**\$429.8M**

**(all costs are provided over biennium)**

# New Teachers

**Provides roughly 2,500 additional instructional positions**

- Provides state share of average teacher salary for any SOQ Instructional Position added
- Supports local flexibility for implementation by not designating specific positions that **MUST** be hired – allows an array of options
- No required local match based on formula

**\$139.1M**

# At Risk Add-On

**Provides flexible funding to divisions based on free lunch population to be used for drop-out prevention, parent engagement, English Language Learners, etc.**

- Increases per pupil add-on
- Supports transition into state driven accountability under new federal ESSA law

**\$49.7M**

# Cost to Compete

**Supports a cost of competing adjustment (2<sup>nd</sup> year) for school support positions in areas with a high cost of living**

- 24.61% rate: Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax City, Fairfax Co., Falls Church, Loudoun, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William
- 6.15% rate: Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Frederick, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, and Winchester

**\$40.6M**

# Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT)

## One time cost to convert additional SOL tests to the CAT format

- Allows “on demand” testing schedule (not pre-set)
- Shortens test length by 30% on average
- Provides data for growth measures
- Creates opportunity to segment year-long test into several shorter assessments throughout the year
- Conforms to new federal ESSA requirements

**\$5M**

# Computer Science Training for Teachers

## Support for teacher training for computer science

- Supports addition of K-12 computer science concepts for all students
- Supports more teachers achieving full licensure for computer science
- Supports Profile of a Graduate plans to ensure computer literacy for all students

**\$1.1M**

# Credentialing and Equipment for Career and Tech Education

**Covers the cost of credential tests and doubles the equipment investment**

- Supports stronger connections to workforce demands
- Focus on high demand/high skill sectors such as STEM-H
- Provides enhanced equipment for training and workforce alignment

**\$5M**

# High School Innovation

**Implementation Grants and additional Innovation Planning Grants in support of SOL Innovation Committee to enhance creativity and innovation in high school**

- Adds to five current grants underway in Fairfax, Richmond Metro area, Williamsburg-James City, Newport News, and Salem
- Creates one year implementation funding as well as new planning grant awards

**\$500,000**

# VA Tiered Systems of Support (VTSS)/Positive Behavior Interventions (PBIS)

## Direct investment in Classrooms not Courtrooms initiative

- Expands this evidence-based program to additional divisions with high rates of disciplinary offenses or disproportionate gaps

**\$1M**

# Breakfast after the Bell

**Expands base funding, to provide resources needed to meet demand –**

- Supports Challenged Schools wrap around service efforts

**\$1.1M**

# Early Childhood Grants

**Grants to pilot effective public-private delivery models for high quality early education and to upskill early education providers**

**\$6.9M**

# Salary Increase

**Provides a 2% salary increase (2<sup>nd</sup> year) for SOQ instructional and teacher positions consistent with state employee raises**

- Effective July 10, 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennium)
  - Mid-year (January ) start date permissible at local level
- SOQ positions and per-pupil add-on for Governor's Schools only
- Parallels raise for state workers

**\$83.2M**

# Teacher Retirement

## Increase general fund contribution to teacher retirement

- Projects 100% actuarial funding by end of biennium
- Accelerates “full funding” of VRS by one year

**\$55.1 M**

# Virginia Department of Education

**8 additional positions (2 school improvement; 2 professional development; 1 early childhood; 1 state operated programs, 1 E-rate; 1 efficiency)**

- Professional development supports changes in teacher licensure, challenged schools intervention, and proposed adjunct faculty models
- Other positions support state role to promote efficiency and sharing of best practice solutions

**\$2.1M**



# Conclusion

**Summary Comments  
Questions & Answers**