

Public Education

In addition to the Governor's October reductions, the Governor's proposed amendments decrease Direct Aid to localities for Public Education by a net \$54.4 million GF in FY 2008 due to technical adjustments. The proposed amendments also direct 100 percent of additional Lottery proceeds for FY 2007 (actual) and FY 2008 (projected) totaling \$76.4 million towards supporting FY 2008 Standards of Quality (SOQ) Basic Aid costs.

In the Department of Education, the proposed amendments add \$404,125 to fully fund National Board Certification bonuses for teachers for FY 2008.

- **Direct Aid to Public Education**

- *A listing, by locality, of the estimated funding for FY 2008 Direct Aid to Public Education is included as Appendix A.*
- *Technical Adjustments to Ch. 847 Based on Enrollment Projections, Sales Tax Revenue Projections, and Participation.*

	FY 2008 (\$ in millions)
Enrollment - Updates indicate slower growth in Spring Average Daily Membership (ADM) and Fall Membership than projected in Ch. 847	(\$31.6)
Sales Tax Revenue - Updates indicate slower growth than projected in Ch. 847	(17.8)
Virginia Preschool Initiative - Participation updates indicate more savings than projected. (Reserves up to \$1.7m for a 2 nd round of one-time start-up/expansion grants).	(3.6)
Education for a Lifetime programs - Participation updates	(1.8)
Governor's Schools - Participation updates	(0.6)
Remedial Summer School - Participation updates	(0.5)
Special Education Homebound - Participation	(0.5)
Incentive and Categorical programs - Other updates	<u>2.0</u>
Total	(\$54.4)

- ***Projected Lottery Proceeds.*** Language directs 100 percent of additional Lottery proceeds for FY 2007 (actual) and FY 2008 (projected) totaling \$76.4 million towards supporting FY 2008 Standards of Quality (SOQ) Basic Aid costs. (Typically, about 60 percent of Lottery proceeds support Basic Aid costs, while the remainder is distributed to localities on the basis of enrollment and composite index. These optional funds require a local match and at least half of the funds must be used for non-recurring purposes.)
- ***Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.*** Reduces funding by \$8.8 million GF the second year as a result of the Governor's October reduction actions, including \$8.8 million GF supplanted by one-time Literary Fund dollars, a \$5,000 reduction to the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium, a \$2,500 reduction to the Virginia Career Education Foundation, and a \$2,500 reduction to the Virginia Educational Technology Alliance.
- ***Literary Fund.*** Consistent with the October budget reductions, which dealt only with General Fund actions, recognizes \$8.8 million NGF available on a one-time basis from the Literary Fund.

- **Department of Education**

- ***National Board Teacher Certification Bonuses.*** Adds \$404,125 GF to fully fund address the 13.8 percent shortfall in FY 2008 based on actual number of eligible teachers. Based on final Fall 2007 data, 220 teachers were eligible for initial awards of \$5,000 each and 734 were eligible for continuing awards of \$2,500 each for revised total funding of \$2.9 million.
- ***Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.*** Reduces funding by \$978,060 GF the second year as a result of the Governor's October reduction actions, including \$280,971 from terminating the turnaround specialist contract; \$281,250 by charging 25 percent of the agency's technology costs to nongeneral funds; \$120,606 by funding two technology assessment positions with federal dollars; \$144,031 by funding three positions with federal funds; \$89,637 by eliminating a vacant position; and \$41,765 by reducing office expenses.

- **Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled - Hampton**

- ***Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.*** Reduces funding by \$158,974 GF the second year as a result of the Governor's October reduction actions by reducing the number of computers and eliminating four vacant hourly positions.

- **Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind - Staunton**

- ***Accessibility.*** Adds \$50,000 GF to address immediate accessibility needs in Staunton prior to the transfer of multi-disabled students from the Hampton campus beginning in the Fall of 2008.

- ***Governor's October 2007 Budget Reductions.*** Reduces funding by \$48,000 GF the second year as a result of the Governor's October reduction actions to cover the cost of two residential positions with nongeneral funds.