



VFOIA-31565 Response

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To:

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Thank you for submitting your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) request, which was received by the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs on September 21, 2020. Please see attached for reference.

The following Fairfax County agencies conducted a search for records responsive to your request: Department of Management and Budget (DMB) and Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). Please be advised that no records responsive to your request were located, and if a public record does not already exist, VFOIA does not require an agency to create one. Va. Code 2.2-3704(D). Nevertheless, the DMB and NCS have endeavored to provide you with the below information regarding the Return to School program budget.

Response

Since the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are currently not open to in-person learning and thus the School Age Child Care (SACC) program is currently not operating, flexibility from the SACC budget is available to support the Supporting Return to School (SRS) program. This includes costs associated with Personnel Services and Operating Expenses. It should be noted that the SRS program is a partnership between the County and FCPS; however, the program is funded and operated by Fairfax County.

The SRS program is a fee-based program with reduced fees available to those families who meet income eligibility requirements. The fee is based on the total staffing hours needed to implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) social distancing guidelines as well as costs associated with operating expenses and food. Additionally, an administrative fee based on the County's most recently approved federal indirect cost rate has been included. All fees paid in support of the SRS program are recorded as revenue in the County's General Fund budget.

The County contributes \$1.0 million to offset school operating and overhead costs associated with SACC Centers. This contribution is still being made and will offset school operating and overhead costs associated with the SRS program and/or SACC costs should FCPS return to in-person learning. The County bills the City of Fairfax annually for the cost of SACC services provided to city residents eligible for the sliding fee scale. Bills are sent at the end of each fiscal year based on enrollment data and revenue collected at the sites. It is anticipated that this process will continue for the SRS program and will be included in the annual bill for FY 2021.

Should you wish to submit additional requests for Fairfax County records, then please let us know.

Thank you,