

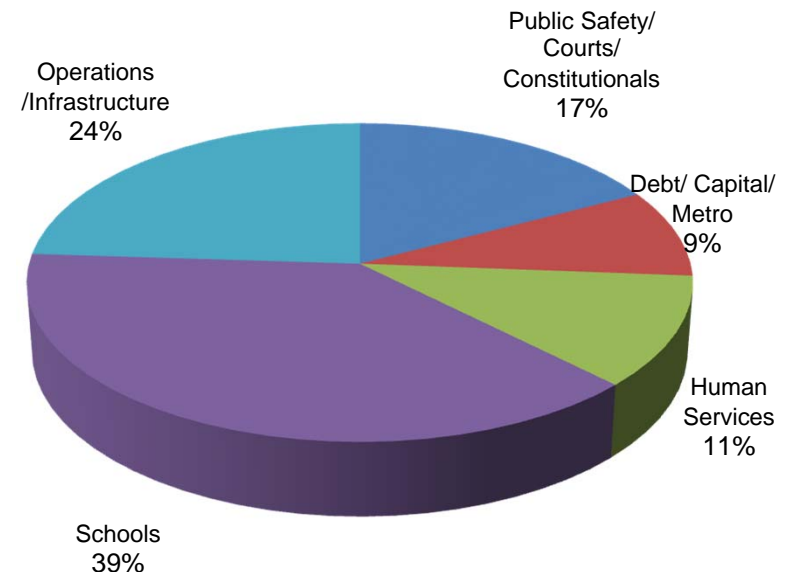
County Manager's FY 2016 Proposed Budget

Public Budget Hearing - March 24th, 2015

General Fund Budget Facts

- Proposed Total General Fund budget of \$1.16 billion
 - 0.7% increase over FY 2015
- County Operating Budget (excluding Schools) totals \$710.9 million, or 0.5% increase
- Schools – Transfer of \$445.5 million
 - Ongoing funding increases \$13.3 million (3.1%)

FY 2016 Proposed Budget General Fund Expenditures (Percent)



FY 2016 County Board Guidance

- Maintain Our Commitments to Fund Services For:
 - Health & Safety of the Community
 - Long Term Financial Sustainability
 - Providing a Safety Net For Those in Need
 - Affordable Housing
 - Public Schools
- Tax Rate & Growth
 - Present a balanced budget that assumed no increase in tax rates
 - No new program expansion beyond those previously approved by the Board
 - Provide options if revenue exceeded projections
- Budget Reductions
 - Present options for service and budget reductions by the County (excluding Schools) equivalent to one percent of the County's operating departments (\$4 million)
- Support to Schools

Manager's Budget Includes..

- **Employees**
 - Employee Step/Pay for Performance
 - Healthcare & OPEB costs
- **Housing & Housing Services**
 - Funds full year of Year Round Homeless Shelter
 - Continued investment in AHIF and Housing Grants
 - Supports other critical housing and housing service programs (e.g. Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) with \$200k in ongoing funding included)
- **Public Safety**
 - Funds set-aside for enhancements to Sheriff staffing, SAFER grant requirements, and court program expansion
- **Schools**
 - Ongoing funding \$445.5 million, up \$13.3 million or 3.1%

\$16.4 Million in One-time Funding Included in the Proposed Budget

- The majority of one-time funds are from prior year savings, discussed during FY 2014 closeout

County Manager Recommendations for Board:

- Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF): \$8.2 million
- Housing Grants: \$1.5 million
- Capital Investments: \$1.7 million
- Economic & Revenue Stabilization Fund: \$3.0 million
- Artisphere Contingent: \$1.3 million
- Miscellaneous One-time Investments: \$0.7 million

Budget Reduction Options

As Required by County Board Guidance, Budget Reduction Options of \$4.1 million Were Provided

County Manager's Proposed Budget Fully Funds the Proposed Reduction Options

- Efficiencies and Realignment (\$1.4 million)
 - Converting Metrobus service to ART service
 - Consolidate elementary after-school program with Arlington Public Schools
 - Fleet reductions & utility savings
- Service Delivery Reductions (\$2.4 million)
 - Close Artisphere and reinvest a portion back into Cultural Affairs
 - Bike / pedestrian program
 - Employment services
 - Community energy program
 - Planning resources
- State Aid Reductions to Courts & Constitutionals (\$0.4 million)
 - The General Assembly restored these funding cuts after the Proposed Budget was Submitted

Many More Unmet Needs

- External requests
- Restoration of prior year budget reductions
- Population and demand increases for numerous County programs
- Economic development initiatives
- Departmental requests

Support to Schools

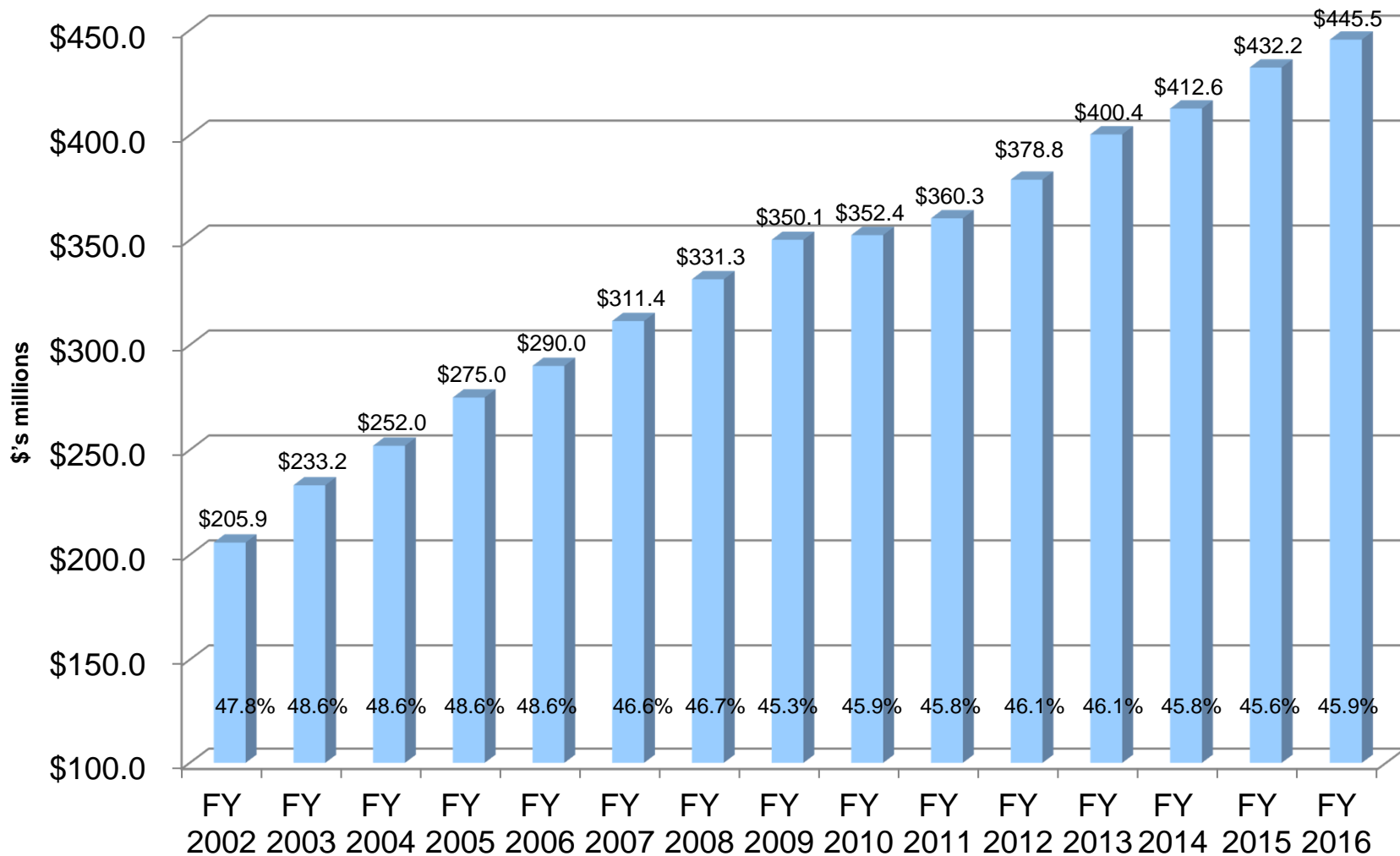
- Local Tax Revenue Allocation
- Spending per Student (highest in region)
- Support of School's Capital Plan



Adopted County Transfer to Schools

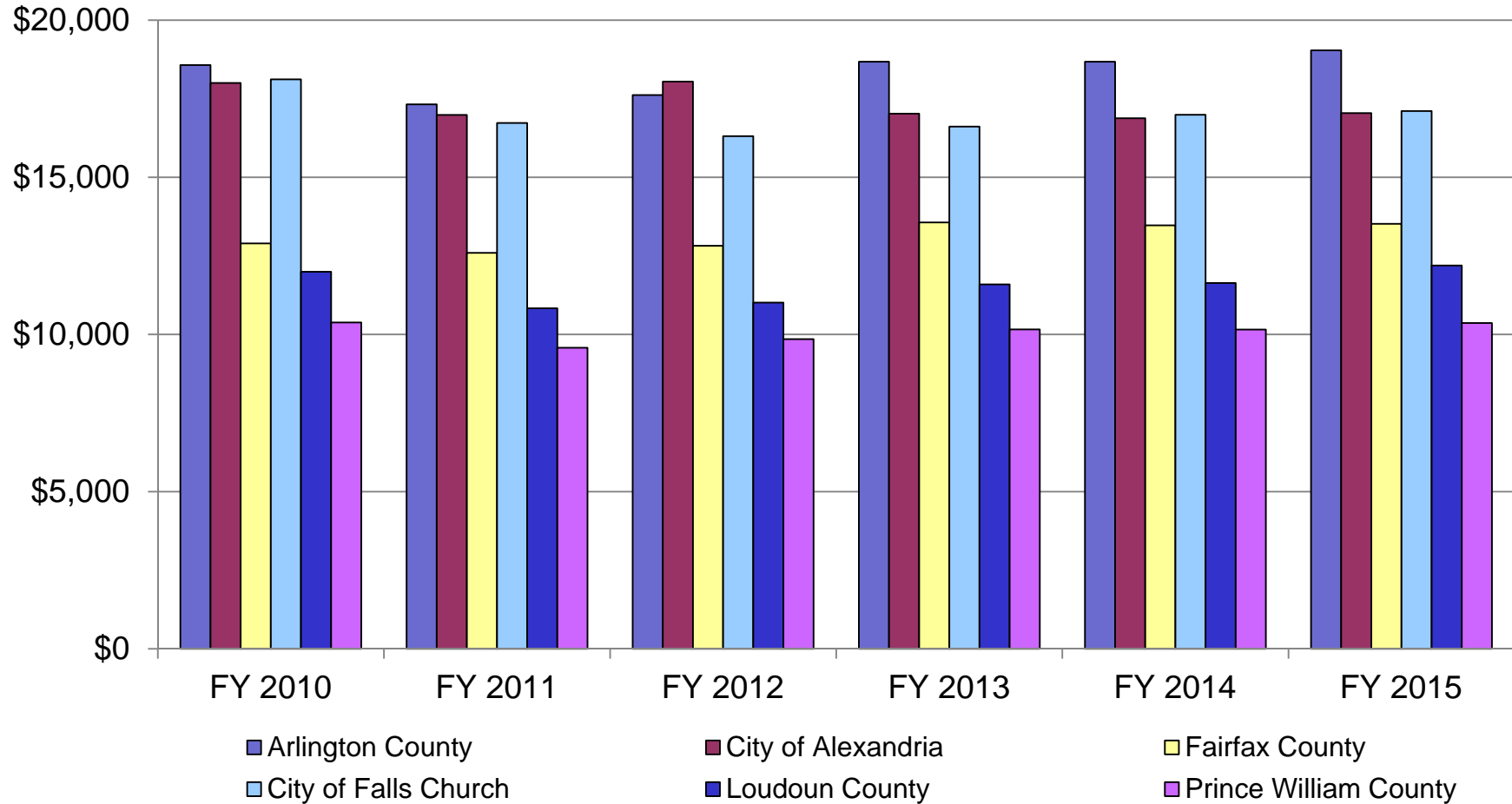
(from ongoing tax revenues)

Transfer to Schools



Regional WABE Comparison Chart

Cost per Student





Tax & Fee Burden on Average Household

Summary of Residential Taxes and Fees

Average Homeowner Impact	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015 (FY 2016)
					Current tax rate
Average Assmt	510,200	519,400	524,700	552,700	\$579,800
Tax Rate (Inc. Sanitary Dist)	\$0.958	\$0.971	\$1.006	\$0.996	\$0.996
Real Estate Tax	\$4,888	\$5,043	\$5,278	\$5,505	\$5,775
Personal Property*	322	368	410	459	454
Annual Decal Fee*	66	66	66	66	66
Refuse Fee**	326	294	294	271	271
Water / Sewer Service	853	883	883	913	929
Residential Utility Tax	72	72	72	72	72
Total Residential Tax & Fees	\$6,527	\$6,726	\$7,003	\$7,286	\$7,567
Percent Change	2.0%	3.0%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%
Dollar Change	\$129	\$199	\$277	\$283	\$281
			monthly change	\$24	\$23

* For two car household

**CY 2014 is the revised rate adopted in July 2014. The CY 2015 rate is held at that rate pending contract negotiations.

Budget Process

- Feb. 19 County Manager Worksession/Overview of Proposed Budget
- Feb. 19 Superintendent Proposed Budget to School Board
- Feb. 21 County Manager Proposed Budget
County Board action on tax and fee advertisements
- Feb. 26 County Board work sessions begin and continue through mid-April
- Mar. 24 Public hearing on budget
- Mar. 26 Public hearing on tax rate and fees
- April 21 Budget adoption