

Fairfax FLAGS is hosting a joint meeting to unite advocacy groups - FACE (Band & Strings), Full-Day Kindergarten, and other groups who support full funding of the FCPS budget.

Please join us from 7-9 p.m., this Wed., Feb. 24, in the Gatehouse Café on the first floor of the FCPS Administration building, 8115 Gatehouse Rd., Falls Church. (Drive past the building to park in the underground parking garage and take the elevators to enter the building.)

State funding to Fairfax County is still very uncertain and Gov. McDonnell's proposed budget includes drastic cuts of \$730 million to K-12 education funding throughout the state.

By the time we meet this Wednesday, the Virginia Senate & House finance committees and the Fairfax County Executive will have released their budget proposals. Since the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) will vote on the advertised maximum property tax rate on March 9, it is critical that the FCPS community pull together to become a strong and united voice for school funding. Once the BOS advertises the maximum tax rate, it can only be decreased and not increased for any lack of state funding determined at a later time.

We apologize for the short notice but it is crucial that we meet quickly since the next two weeks are critical for providing feedback to our decision makers. Please plan to attend and invite others who want to preserve the quality of our schools.

RSVP to fairfaxflags@gmail.com is not required, but much appreciated in order to estimate number of handouts and set up of the meeting space.

Thank you,

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Fairfax FLAGS is a unified group of community members working to preserve the world-class quality of Fairfax County Public Schools and its early foreign language programs. For more information, visit us at www.fairfaxflags.org. Be sure to also join our Fairfax FLAGS Group on Facebook. Search for us under "groups" and write your thoughts on our wall!