



FY 2021 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 48

BUDGET QUESTION: What is the cost benefit in allowing Schools' employees who reside out the County to enroll their children in our school system without a fee? What would be the negative effect if this was not a free option?

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Schools

RESPONSE: The division receives state and some federal funding for all students enrolled in the schools. In offering tuition-free enrollment, SCPS benefits by securing qualified teachers. Without this benefit to full-time contracted employees, SCPS would no longer be a viable employment option for prospective teacher candidates who reside out of county. There is a national shortage for teachers which is directly impacting SCPS. By not offering the option for tuition-free enrollment, the school division will lose teachers.

ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE: