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Update on Joint Committees

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Board of Supervisors Budget Committee Meeting
September 16, 2025

Board Matter – March 2025

- Fairfax County Public Schools receives over half of the County's General Fund, which amounts to around 70 percent of the FCPS annual budget.
- History of collaboration between Board of Supervisors and School Board
  - Formal committees such as Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT), Joint Environmental Task Force, Infrastructure Financing Committee, and Joint Board CIP Committee.
  - Ad hoc, policy-specific efforts that result in improved services to constituents.
- Target ways to continue collaboration to find efficiencies and savings as well as potential opportunities to improve services.
- Timing is essential given fiscal uncertainty with the actions of the federal government.

Joint Committee Membership

Information Technology:

- Supervisor Alcorn
- Supervisor Storck
- School Board Member Sizemore Heizer
- School Board Member Dixit

Capital Facilities:

- Supervisor Smith
- Supervisor Walkinshaw
- School Board Member Meren
- School Board Member McDaniel

Joint Information Technology Committee

Draft Mission Statement

The Joint Information Technology Committee, established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in collaboration with the Fairfax County School Board, is dedicated to identifying cost savings and operational efficiencies through the strategic use of shared information technology resources. Considering fiscal uncertainties and the ongoing need to optimize resource allocation, our mission is to enhance service delivery to our constituents through secure, innovative IT solutions that foster innovation and enhance operational effectiveness while achieving both immediate and long-term financial benefits.

Guided by a history of successful inter-board collaboration, the Committee will focus on:

1. Improving Operational Efficiencies: Streamlining IT operations by leveraging shared resources, thereby reducing redundancies and enhancing productivity.

2. Identifying Cost Savings: Conducting thorough reviews of current IT expenditures to find opportunities for cost reduction without compromising service quality.

3. Optimizing Resource Utilization: Ensuring that any program expansions are achieved through the effective use of existing resources, resulting in net cost reductions.

Joint Committee on Capital Facilities

Draft Mission Statement

The Joint Committee on Capital Facilities, established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board, is committed to collaborative efforts to identify cost savings and efficiencies within our shared capital infrastructure. Our mission is to strategically optimize available resources and enhance the delivery, construction, and maintenance of facilities for Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools. The Committee strives to realize potential financial benefits by leveraging shared resources, and sharing best practices, especially considering the current fiscal environment. This committee will focus exclusively on cost reduction and efficiency, avoiding program expansions unless directly tied to a cost reduction through the utilization of existing shared resources.

The County and Schools have a successful history of working together, proactively exploring opportunities for shared use of facilities, optimizing renovation schedules, and identifying operational efficiencies.

Joint Committee Deliverables

- Draft mission statements to consider in respective first meetings.
  - ***Update - Reviewed with Board members and School staff counterparts***
- Limited to identifying cost savings and efficiencies and should avoid expansions of existing programs, unless an expansion can be done in conjunction with a cost reduction through the utilization of shared, existing resources.
  - ***Update - Drafted meeting agenda and discussion topics for School Board consideration***
- Report findings back to both Boards in advance of FY 2027 budget deliberations.
  - ***Update - Anticipated start date October 2025 and completion date March 2026***

Questions?