

MCA Education & Youth Committee Report January 2005

For January and early February of 2005 we plan to review the proposed FCPS budget for FY 2006. This is to be done jointly with the MCA Budget & Tax Committee.

To enhance the timeliness of our discussions, generally we do not decide on speakers or areas to look at several months in advance. But, areas we have talked about getting speakers or looking into for 2005 include:

1. Nutrition in our schools.
2. No child left behind.
3. Sports and other after school activities in middle schools.
4. Security in our schools (re a Russia type event).
5. Teenage driving.
6. College admissions.
7. UVA, Virginia Tech, & William & Mary proposing to be "quasi-private".

Activities we did in 2004 included:

1. In January, prepared a draft resolution, jointly with the MCA B&T Committee, on the proposed FCPS budget for FY 2005.
2. In February, sent comments to School Board on profile for new FCPS Superintendent.
3. In March, met with Brad Draeger, Interim FCPS Superintendent, on matters impacting McLean area kids.
4. In June and October, met with Fairfax HS Assistant Principal, John Werner, to discuss drug and alcohol use in the schools and on gang problems.
5. In November, met with Cluster I FCPS Director, Denny Deardon, on various matters impacting kids in our cluster.
6. In December, met with Janie Strauss, Joan DuBois and Rosemary Ryan to discuss FCPS school budget issues for FY 2006.