



# The School Board of the City of Norfolk

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June 29, 2012

The Citizens of the City of Norfolk

The Honorable Paul D. Fraim  
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810 Union Street  
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To the Citizens of the City of Norfolk, Mayor Fraim and Norfolk City Council Members:

On behalf of the School Board of the City of Norfolk, I submit our approved Norfolk Public Schools Operating Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. In developing this spending plan, it was most important to align our resources toward progress on NPS' Achievable Results, which are:

**Achievable Result 1:** Norfolk Public Schools will implement, annually monitor, and refine the comprehensive plan for improving on-time graduation for all students.

**Achievable Result 2:** Norfolk Public Schools will implement, annually monitor, and refine a system of support so that all schools are fully accredited as defined by the Virginia Department of Education.

**Achievable Result 3:** Norfolk Public Schools will improve the climate of support for the achievement of all students through staff, family, and community engagement.

This has been another challenging budget year. Over the past three years, we have been required to negotiate a nearly \$60 million deficit in resources due to reductions in revenue and increases in expenditures. The School Board has expressed grave concerns about the Virginia General Assembly's strategies and plans for preserving the quality of public education in the Commonwealth.

However, the Board has worked diligently and collaboratively with the Norfolk Public Schools Administration and the City of Norfolk to make the best use of the resources we have in responsible, creative and innovative ways. The city provided additional support, particularly in the form of a commitment to replace a large portion of the school bus fleet in the near future.

The Board also solicited community input, and focused on the following School Board goals:

**Goal #1:** Protect Core Instruction, our primary mission.

**Goal #2:** Attract and retain highly qualified staff to promote the best and the brightest.

**Goal #3:** Look for efficiencies to create capacity.

**Goal #4:** Improve the quality of education in an equitable manner.

We believe this budget accomplishes those goals, and we are pleased that we were able to provide a salary increase to our hard-working employees.

This proposed budget also protects:

- Specialty programs at our elementary, middle and high schools.
- Existing transportation for most specialty programs.
- A full-day preschool program.
- Existing athletics at the middle and high schools.
- Advanced Placement, honors and foreign language offerings.
- Class sizes at their current levels.
- Excellent music and art programs.
- The Sixth-Grade Transition program and its transportation.
- Employees' pay from higher health insurance premiums and state-mandated increases in retirement contributions.

Going forward, the Board has committed to a continuous process of analyzing programs and resources for effectiveness and efficiency. This process begins immediately. As we finalize this plan for fiscal year 2013 funding, we will begin looking ahead to fiscal year 2014 and beyond.

We believe in the power of our school division to contribute to a superior quality of life in this city. In our hands, we hold the futures of thousands of children and their families. We must join together as a community, plan carefully and invest in them.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kirk T. Houston, Sr.  
School Board Chair

The following is an excerpt from the City of Norfolk's ordinance appropriating funds for fiscal year 2013.

51812rg Form CCO-002  
 Form and Correctness Approval: Pursuant to Section 72 of the City Charter, I hereby certify that the money required for this item is in the city treasury to the credit of the fund from which it is drawn and not appropriated for any other purpose.  
 By *Manuel G. [Signature]* NORFOLK, VIRGINIA  
 Office of the City Attorney  
 Contents Approved: \$ 1,004,048,515 Various  
 By *Sabrina Joy [Signature]* Account  
 DEPT. Budget and *Grant Management* *[Signature]* 5/18/12  
Director of Finance Date

**ORDINANCE No. 44,695**

**R-24**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM EQUIPMENT FINANCING, AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENT FOR RETIREES, INCREASING CERTAIN FEES, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR A REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY FROM THE CITY TREASURY.

WHEREAS, the City Manager submitted to the Council a proposed annual budget for the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, which has been amended by the Council, and it is necessary to make appropriations sufficient to fund said budget and to regulate the payment of money from the City treasury; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the amount shown herein...as set forth in the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, submitted by the City Manager and as amended by the Council and hereby adopted, is hereby appropriated, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth in this ordinance, from the revenues of the City from all sources for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, for the use of several departments and funds established within the City Government, and for the purposes hereinafter set forth in said annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 as follows:

Education	\$302,033,320
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Adopted by Council May 22, 2012  
 Effective July 1, 2012

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