



Your local union newsletter

Happy New Year, Educators!

Welcome back! We hope you had a rejuvenating winter break, and a smooth return. In addition to gearing up for 2nd semester, SEA is gearing up for budget season! The budget process is multi-layered, and we hope to clarify some of those layers in this issue. Here is a general outline:

Budget Basics

- We get funding from both the state and local government (BoS). Every year, the School Board must approve a budget and present it to the BoS with a funding request. The approved budget takes estimated state funds into consideration and asks the BoS for their contribution.
- The BoS must approve their own budget for all of Stafford County. The amount they give schools is just one section of the full County budget, which is largely funded with property tax revenue.
- The BoS must review the School Board's request and determine how much funding they will allocate to SCPS. The School Board then votes to formally adopt a budget. If the BoS doesn't fully fund the SB request, changes must be made before a budget is finalized.
- Budget season includes a lot of opportunities for advocacy. The full calendar of events can be viewed [here](#), but we'll also communicate details about important meetings. First, mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 16th, when Dr. Taylor will present his proposed budget to the School Board! We will hold a member vote to determine union support of his proposal at the all-member meeting on the 24th
- *Budget Town Halls by district, 6-7:30p.m.: 1/29- Rockhill @ AG Wright MS, 1/30- Aquia/GW @ BPHS, 1/31- Hartwood/Garrisonville @ Anthony Burns ES, 2/1- Falmouth/G.Washington @ to be determined



Save the Date!

Join us for VEA Lobby Day in Richmond! This is our opportunity to raise our voice at the state level. You can [click here for details](#) and to RSVP.



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LOBBY DAY
FEB. 19th

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JANUARY ADVOCACY

- 16th- SB Work Session, Dr. Taylor presents budget, 5p.m.
- 16th-School Board meeting, 7p.m., School Board chambers
- 16th- BoS meeting, 3pm/7pm, County Government Ctr.
- 24th- All Member Meeting, 5:30p.m., ON Zoom