FY 2007 QUESTION NUMBER: 21 - **REVISED**

QUESTION:

What would be the cost of providing counselors at a 250:1 student to counselor ratio?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: 1-19, 1-28, B-3

ANSWER:

Achieving an overall student to counselor ratio of 250:1 at the high schools in FY 2007 would require the addition of 3.0 secondary counselors. The salary for a new secondary counselor is $75,881 including benefits. The total cost of adding 3.0 counselors will be $227,643.

The following is counselor staffing and the student to counselor ratio at each of the high schools:

SCH	Counselors	Ratio
Montgomery Blair	12.0	249
Wootton	9.5	268
Gaithersburg HS	9.0	263
Sherwood HS	8.0	273
Churchill	8.0	268
Magruder	8.0	268
Springbrook	8.6	247
Northwest	8.0	257
Johnson, W	7.5	264
Blake	7.0	280
Richard Montgomery	8.0	244
Whitman	7.0	271
Quince Orchard	7.0	263
Watkins Mill HS	7.0	258
Paint Branch	7.0	248
Bethesda CC	6.5	256
Einstein	6.5	255
Damascus HS	6.0	255
Seneca Valley	6.5	252
Wheaton	5.5	263
Kennedy	6.0	260
Rockville	5.0	251
Northwood	4.0	271
Clarksburg HS	3.5	273
Poolesville HS	3.0	278
Subtotal	174.1	

To achieve a student to counselor ratio of 250:1 at each high school, the addition of 8.0 counselor positions and $607,048 including benefits would be required.