

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 40

QUESTION:

What is the cost savings associated with publishing *The Bulletin* once a month instead of four times a month? Is this cost savings captured in the FY 2009 budget? What are the costs of other documents mailed to a broad audience? Are there plans to make any other reductions in publications?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: Not Applicable

ANSWER:

MCPS will save \$7,665 per month by reducing publication of *The Bulletin*. These changes will take effect in February and are not included in the FY 2009 operating budget.

Two publications are mailed regularly to a broad audience. *Parent Connection* is mailed to 93,500 homes three times per year at a cost of \$36,465. The *Annual Report to the Community* is mailed to 93,500 homes once per year at a cost of \$81,345.

MCPS is currently looking at all of its publications to identify additional efficiencies.