

FY 2007 QUESTION NUMBER: 31

QUESTION:

Provide a description of the current expansion of the Gifted and Talented program. What schools are included and how many students will participate?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE:

ANSWER:

The Gifted and Talented Initiative for FY 2007 continues the multiyear plan to support the expansion to Grade 5 of the Gifted Center Program at Chevy Chase Elementary School, additional funding for the Center Program at Roberto Clemente Middle School, the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) at College Gardens Elementary School, the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP) at Silver Spring International, Newport Mill, and Francis Scott Key middle schools, the continuation of the Julius West and Westland middle schools MYP programs for Grades 9 and 10 students at Richard Montgomery and Bethesda-Chevy Chase high schools, as well as the IB Diploma Program at Watkins Mill High School. The PYP and MYP programs support rigorous instruction for all of the students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The Watkins Mill High School IB Program has an open enrollment participation process. The proposed FY 2007 increase includes \$73,891 for summer supplemental wages and substitutes for curriculum development and planning, \$4,500 for consultants, \$35,918 for instructional materials, \$68,962 for professional development and annual IB Organization membership fees, and \$8,000 for equipment. The total cost of this initiative is \$191,271.