

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 38

QUESTION:

What is the current FARMS rate for each school? What schools are being considered as new focus schools? What schools are expected to have focus school resources realigned? Will they continue to have the class size reduction initiative under this proposal?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: 1-6

ANSWER:

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the Free and Reduced-price Meals System (FARMS) rate for each school for FY 2008. Because FARMS rates have changed significantly for some schools since focus schools were initially identified, the FY 2009 operating budget includes an initiative to add three new focus schools and provide the class size reduction and other support as is provided for existing focus schools. Existing resources provided to focus schools will be realigned from several schools at which FARMS rates have declined significantly. Based on current FARMS rates, schools being considered as new focus schools include Waters Landing, Lake Seneca, and Christa McAuliffe elementary schools. The schools being considered for realigning resources include Rock Creek Forest, Sligo Creek, Woodlin, and Takoma Park elementary schools. The three new focus schools and each of the four current schools listed above will retain the lower class size initiative.