

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

June 25, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Tuition for Nonresident Students for Fiscal Year 2013

Each year, it is necessary for the Board of Education to set nonresident tuition rates. The nonresident calculation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 is based on three factors—the approved operating budget, the cost of debt service, and the current revenue funding for the capital budget. Below are the approved rates for FY 2012 and the proposed rates for FY 2013.

Level	FY 2012	FY 2013
Elementary School (including kindergarten)	\$13,594	\$14,181
Secondary School	\$13,584	\$13,805

In FY 2013, the total projected amount of current revenue funding for the capital budget is \$30,954,000, and the total projected debt service attributed to Montgomery County Public Schools to be paid by the county is \$122,423,790. These amounts are included in the calculation for nonresident tuition.

In FY 2012, it was necessary to discontinue the practice of charging a single standard rate for special education students. Special education students receive a variety of services based on their individual needs, and because special education students receive many services in regular education classrooms, a standard charge is not appropriate. Therefore, tuition for all nonresident special education students reflects the actual cost of providing services to implement the Individualized Education Program.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy JED, *Residency, Tuition, and Enrollment*, adopted by Resolution No. 328-04, establishes the basis for nonresident tuition charges and provides that the per-student cost shall be based on the current year's estimated cost, including debt service; and

WHEREAS, The basis for the calculation of per-student cost for tuition purposes in Fiscal Year 2013 is as follows:

Description	Elementary School	Secondary School
Projected Fiscal Year 2013 Enrollment	64,086	69,145
Cost		
Regular Operating Costs	\$840,916,393	\$881,350,747
Capital Budget Costs:		
Current Receipts	13,695,454	14,776,584
County Debt	54,165,839	58,441,734
Total Cost	\$908,777,686	\$954,569,065
Tuition Cost Per Pupil		
Regular Operating Costs	\$13,122	\$12,746
Capital Budget Costs:		
Current Receipts	214	214
County Debt	845	845
Total Tuition Cost Per Pupil	\$14,181	\$13,805

and

WHEREAS, The basis for the calculation of tuition for full-day kindergarten is the same as for elementary school students in Grades 1–5; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the tuition rates for nonresident students for the 2012–2013 school year will be as follows:

Elementary School (including kindergarten)	\$14,181
Secondary School	\$13,805

and be it further

Resolved, That tuition rates for special education students will reflect the cost requirements of implementing the Individualized Education Program.

JPS:LAB:MCS:jp