

## APPENDIX A

### FACTS AND CONCEPTS BEHIND THE CIP: 2009-2019

The *Superintendent's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan: 2009-2019* includes the construction of four new schools, the construction of one school addition and renovation, the modernization of two schools, and the design of two school modernizations during the first five-year planning period.

#### Facts Behind the Plan

- ◆ School construction needs are linked with the steady and continued residential development and growth of Chesapeake since 1982.
- ◆ The school system had experienced an increase in enrollment for 23 consecutive years until September 2006.
- ◆ The early to mid 1990's saw the highest recent enrollment growth rates ranging from 2.6%-5% annually (or 700 to 1600 students per year).
- ◆ The mid 1990's to late 1990's experienced moderate enrollment growth rates from nearly 1%-2.2% annually (or 360 to 760 students per year).
- ◆ From 2000 to 2005, the enrollment growth rate slowed from 2.2% to .3% annually (or 850 to 120 students per year).
- ◆ In 2006 and 2007, enrollment change rates experienced their first decline of -1.6% and -1.2% (or -640 and -440 students) respectively.
- ◆ Enrollment is projected to decrease about 2% over the 2009-2014 five-year planning period.

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### Concepts Behind the Plan

- ◆ The Capital Improvement Plan is based on the philosophy statement and planning principles originally developed by the School Facilities Task Force in 1986, revised and updated in the School Improvement Plan: 1996-2002 in 1996, and revised and updated in the School Improvement Division Plan: 2002-2007 in 2002 (see pages 24-27).
  
- ◆ Where possible, additions are utilized before the construction of new facilities. The recommendations in the School Improvement Division Plan concerning school size are also followed.
  
- ◆ Every effort has been made to utilize existing space by means such as moving programs to different locations and shifting grade level assignments where it is educationally sound to do so.
  
- ◆ The building plans contained in the *Superintendent's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan: 2009-2019* are based on residential growth patterns, school enrollment growth, and demographic changes for the past five years (2002-2007), anticipated residential growth patterns, and residential developments which have been approved by City Council.
  
- ◆ The 2009-2019 revision of the *Superintendent's Board's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan* assumes funding will be available from sources (Virginia Public School Authority, local bond referendum, city annual borrowing authority, city lock box funds, and/or the state Literary Fund) to be determined by the City Council in order to continue to construct school capital projects in a timely manner.