

Board Q&A

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Everett 5/8	Is there a transition plan in place for the new superintendent? If so can you share it with the board? If not, can we get one out together ASAP?	There isn't a transition plan currently in place for the new superintendent. The creation of such a plan would be at the discretion of the Board. Should the Board decide to develop a transition plan, JCPS staff stand ready and available to assist.
Duncan 5/12	Tentative Budget Why does the Boys/Girls Club need \$660,000 as an allocation?	These were student counseling services provided at two schools. These services are being discontinued in the 2025-26 school year.
Duncan 5/12	Is the Urban League being cut down to \$1 million or is \$1 mill being cut, from 6 mill to 5 mill?	The annual contract for the Urban League tutoring program is being reduced from \$3 million to one million. The reduction shows as a \$5 million reduction due to it being a two-year program at \$3 million per year.
Duncan 5/12	How can Binet cost \$109,000 per student and Churchill Park cost \$117,000 per student?	Binet is \$199,735 per student, while Waller Williams is \$117,683 and Churchill Park is \$109,879. All three schools are funded based on the individual needs of their students, as defined within their Individualized Education Plans. Their cost per student is much higher due to the needs of the students divided by the small number of students served at each location.
Duncan 5/12	How does Waller-Williams spend \$199,000 per student?	Binet is \$199,735 per student. This is a factor of the specialized needs of the student population divided by a very small number of students in their enrollment projects.
Duncan 5/12	Is \$7 mill for curriculum support a recurring expense?	All programs and program needs are reevaluated annually. These programs go through an annual appropriation review in accordance with our cycle-based budgeting procedures.

Duncan 5/12	What special programs does DEP run for \$2 mill?	Lit &, CARDS, Louisville Teacher Residency, Volunteer Background checks, Americana, Equity Envoys, Satellite office Program, Equity Institute, Volunteers of America. Justice Now, SBDM, MWBE support, Girls Street Academy
Duncan 5/12	In 2 years our org chart has added about \$13 mill in new positions. What vacancies have been eliminated to balance these costs a bit?	Positions are reviewed periodically with some being added and some being eliminated, usually through attrition. These changes are presented to the Board in the packets of org chart changes, including deleted positions, changed positions, and added positions.
Duncan 5/12	If it costs \$10 mill to lower class sizes by one, why are we doing this?	We are not currently reducing class size, other than the lower class sizes maintained at Choice Zone schools as approved on the school allocation standards.
Duncan 5/12	Does the \$16 mill for Early Childhood not include Head Start? How many students are served in Early Childhood?	We do not operate Head Start at JCPS.
Duncan 5/12	Where does the \$29 mill go from the Racial Equity fund? 46 employees are covered with the \$4 mill allocation	The Racial Equity funds are determined by each school's SBDM and Assistant Superintendent, in accordance with their student needs. DEP staff are not funded by Racial Equity funding.