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Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 5:48 PM
To: Noll, Sheila S.
Cc: Morgan, Neil; Simmons, Ellen; 'Shandor, Victor'; Bowen, Bill
Subject: Congressional appropriations - Special Education
Attachments: Special Education Program Evaluation & Funding.xlsx

Hi Sheila,

After our last email exchange, Bill Bowen and I have continued to gather information to address your question. Please find attached a spreadsheet that shows the actual Federal and State revenues received for the most recent 5 years (FY14-FY18). You are correct that the Federal revenues have fallen significantly behind the 40% promise of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in fact, York has only been receiving between 12% and 13% in recent years. At the bottom of the spreadsheet I have calculated the amounts that York Schools should have received if the Federal government was funding based on the 40% promise. For example, in FY18, based on the 40% promise, the Federal government should have provided \$8.1 million but only provided \$2.4 million so the difference of \$5.7 million was funded from local dollars. Because the School Division is providing the required services, the difference between what should have been received from the Federal government and what was actually received was absorbed by York taxpayers.

Here are a few speaking points:

1. York Schools are receiving almost \$6 million less than the Federal government promised to provide for special education which is less than 12% of the 40% funding requirement.
2. York Schools have been funding the \$6 million shortfall to ensure that students with disabilities are receiving the mandated services.
3. The \$6 million shortfall is significant as it represents 4% of York Schools' General Fund budget.
4. York's average annual growth in students with disabilities has been 5% over the past 4 years and is anticipated to grow faster than other revenue growth placing pressure on other budget priorities.

The excerpt below highlights the issues from a national level which is consistent with our local experience.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Thanks
Vivian

Excerpt from the National Center for Learning Disabilities:

Not too long ago, students with disabilities were not guaranteed the right to attend public schools. In fact, many were turned away because of their disabilities. Today, however, students with disabilities are in every public school and in most classrooms across the country. More importantly, the majority of all students with disabilities spend most of their time (more than 80% of the day) in general education classrooms. And a higher number than ever before are graduating from high school and enrolling in college. Though we have a long way to go before our education system ensures every student reaches his full potential, the tremendous progress we've made over the last few decades is due in large part to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

What is IDEA?

IDEA was passed in the 1970s to provide a free and appropriate public education to students with disabilities. This means that the school district will find students in need of special education and provide them with the services and supports they need at no cost to their parents. IDEA serves nearly six million students from birth through high school graduation (or age 21).

What is Full Funding of IDEA and Why is it important?

When Congress passed IDEA, they promised to cover 40% of the extra cost of special education. In other words, they would pay for nearly half of the additional cost required to educate students with disabilities (when compared to the cost per student without disabilities). Unfortunately, Congress has never come close to fulfilling that promise. The number of students with disabilities served under IDEA has increased by 25 percent in the past two decades. Yet, the IDEA state grant program was only funded at around \$12 billion in 2017. The federal government is only covering 14.6% of the additional cost.

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Hi Sheila,

I heard back from Bill Bowen and he has confirmed that the Federal Government is definitely underfunding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. He asked for a little time to pull the information together so I'm anticipating receiving the information at the end of next week. He is going to provide a historical breakdown of number students, number of special education students with a details of federal, state and local revenues for several years so that we also have trend data. As soon as I receive it and review it I will forward to you.

I hope you have a nice weekend.
Vivian

From: Noll, Sheila S. <noll@yorkcounty.gov>
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Vivian, I seem to remember that when Congress mandated mainstreaming children with disabilities they did not fully fund the program. Do we know how much or the % that York is underfunded? I think that might be a topic our new congresswoman might explore.

Thanks! Enjoy your weekend!

Sheila

Special Education Program Funding

Fiscal Years 2014 - 2018

Fiscal Year	Number of Students w/Disabilities	Increase	%	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Actual Revenues:							
FY14	1,154			2,173,020.85	3,450,798.66	11,118,532.62	16,742,352.13
FY15	1,233	79	7%	2,137,441.34	3,641,563.00	12,339,581.34	18,118,585.68
FY16	1,276	43	3%	2,193,969.87	3,719,408.90	13,554,209.18	19,467,587.95
FY17	1,353	77	6%	2,444,542.68	4,207,332.19	13,345,075.52	19,996,950.39
FY18	1,398	45	3%	2,374,095.44	4,216,420.90	13,603,670.09	20,194,186.43
	Average Growth		5%				
Actual Percentage Paid							
FY14				13.0%	20.6%	66.4%	
FY15				11.8%	20.1%	68.1%	
FY16				11.3%	19.1%	69.6%	
FY17				12.2%	21.0%	66.7%	
FY18				11.8%	20.9%	67.4%	
Revenues if Federal had been Fully Funded at 40%							
				Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
FY14				6,696,940.85	3,450,798.66	6,594,612.62	16,742,352.13
FY15				7,247,434.27	3,641,563.00	7,229,588.41	18,118,585.68
FY16				7,787,035.18	3,719,408.90	7,961,143.87	19,467,587.95
FY17				7,998,780.16	4,207,332.19	7,790,838.04	19,996,950.39
FY18				8,077,674.57	4,216,420.90	7,900,090.96	20,194,186.43
Percentage Based on Federal Government Paying 40%							
FY14				40.0%	20.6%	39.4%	
FY15				40.0%	20.1%	39.9%	
FY16				40.0%	19.1%	40.9%	
FY17				40.0%	21.0%	39.0%	
FY18				40.0%	20.9%	39.1%	
				Underfunding		Additional Funding Provided	
FY14				-4,523,920.002		-4,523,920.002	
FY15				-5,109,992.932		-5,109,992.932	
FY16				-5,593,065.310		-5,593,065.310	
FY17				-5,554,237.476		-5,554,237.476	
FY18				-5,703,579.132		-5,703,579.132	

VDOT Quarterly Transportation Update

York Board of Supervisor's Meeting

June 18, 2019

Maintenance Accomplishments for Quarter and County Requests Mar 1 – May 31

We have completed 613 of 903 maintenance work orders this period with 290 outstanding (68% complete). Open by Month Mar 63 / Apr 104 / May 123

201	Drainage
7	Vegetation
82	Roadway / Signs

Residency Direct Line 757-253-5138/VDOT's Customer Service Center **1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623)**

A few highlights of the accomplishments are:

Sweeping on Rte 60 By-Pass Rd, Penniman Rd, and Hubbard Lane
Ditching on Dawson Crescent, Salem Court, and Marlbank Drive
Tree debris clean up on Route 17, Route 134, Route 238, and Dare Road
Cross over pipe and sinkhole repairs on Back Creek Rd, York Crossing Rd, Kiln Creek Pkwy, Chris Slade Chase, Albacore Dr, Heavens Wy, Honeysuckle Ln, Artillery Rd, and Victory Blvd median.
Culvert pipe removal and ditching on from Ella Taylor Road
Brush Cutting on Constitution Drive for sight distance and daylighting signs various locations
County wide Mowing – Completed Litter pickup in February

Current Projects

I-64 Widening Segment 2 (UPC 106665) Allan Myers

The I-64 Segment 2 project includes reconstruction of the existing lanes and an additional 12' wide travel lane and median shoulder in each direction. Outside paved shoulders were widened from 10' to 12' west of Exit 243 due to the higher truck volumes. Ramp acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-64 were lengthened. Nine existing bridges in the corridor were rehabilitated and widened. The work zone speed limit of 55 mph has been removed and this project is substantially complete.

I-64 Widening Segment 3 (UPC 106689) Shirley

The I-64 Segment 3 project includes reconstruction of the existing lanes and an additional 12' wide travel lane and median shoulder in each direction. The outside paved shoulders will be widened from 10' to 12'. Ramp acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-64 will be lengthened. Two bridges over Colonial Parkway and two bridges over Lakeshead Drive will be rehabilitated and widened. The two 900' long Queens Lake bridges will be replaced. Traffic has been switched in both directions. Work has begun on all bridges and center median work continues. The contract construction completion date is September 24, 2021, with an early completion incentive date of June 26, 2021.

Bridge Replacement - Rte 134 over Brick Kiln Creek (Fed ID 19855) (UPC 105222)

Replace the northbound bridge on Route 134. Relocation of utilities and rehabilitation of the southbound bridge have been completed. The project is scheduled for advertisement in June 2019 and construction is estimated to begin fall 2019 with completion in fall 2021.

Penniman Rd/Government Rd/Roadway Improvements (UPC 16314)

Improve safety by widening Penniman Road, adding bicycle lanes, adding curb & gutter and realigning Government Rd intersection from "Y" to "T" configuration. Currently in PE and start RW in August 2019 with advertisement for CN in December 2021 to start in construction 2022.

VDOT Quarterly Transportation Update

Smart Scale

#SMART18 - Route 17 Widening between Rte 630 and Rte 173 (UPC 111787)

Widen Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) from 4 to 6 lanes between 1.517 miles north of Route 620 (Lakeside Drive) and Route 173 (Denbigh Boulevard/Goodwin Neck Road). Preliminary Engineering is underway with Construction starting in 2023 with completion in 2025.

#SMART18 - Route 171 Widening between Route 17 and Route 134 (UPC 111791)

Widen Route 171 (Victory Boulevard) from 5 to 6 lanes between Route 17 and Route 134 to improve capacity and operational deficiencies at the intersection of Route 17 and Route 171. Preliminary Engineering is projected to start in August 2019 and Construction is projected to start in 2025 with completion in 2026.

The four (4) York County SMART SCALE projects for the 2018 application cycle and in the review and scoring process.

Traffic Studies

Route 1233 (Terrebonne Rd.) @ Route 17 – Realign the median as part of Rte 17 widening

Route 704 (Cook Road) @ York High School - review project to install a right-turn taper and left-turn lane

Route 17 @ Lakeside – Add No U Turn for Left turn lane onto Lakeside Dr

Route 1659 (Long Green Boulevard) - installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

Route 1385 (Schooner Boulevard) - install SCHOOL ZONE sign and SCHOOL pavement markings

Route 17 @ Siege Lane (Route 1249) – review project to install right turn lane

Route 603 (Mooretown Road) and Reserve Way (pvt.) - Based on the sight distance, gap time, and lack of crashes, No recommended changes at this intersection.

This concludes my Quarterly Transportation report for the County of York. Are there any concerns or questions that I can address during this time?