

Impacts on Local Governments

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Inadequate State Funding Means Localities May Need To:

- Accept a lower level of education.
- Raise taxes to make up the difference.
- Reduce support to other services.

The Cost of Providing an Acceptable Level of Funding

- Localities in Virginia spend more than \$3.6B above what is required by the state.

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In Stafford

We provide almost twice the required funding.

- Our required local effort is \$57.2M
- We provide an additional \$56.1M

Inadequate State Funding

In Stafford

- The additional funds equate to 40 cents on the RE tax rate.
- Equates to over 50% of our County departments operating budgets.
- We could double our public safety costs and still have money left over.

Inadequate State Funding for Construction/Capital Improvements

- * Growing localities need to build new schools.
- * Mature localities face substantial costs for maintenance, renovation and repair work.
 - * Majority of localities' Capital Improvements Programs are dedicated to schools.
 - * Lack of Funding places full burden on Localities.
 - * Limits the ability to provide other needed infrastructure.

Inadequate State Funding for Construction/Capital Improvements

In Stafford

- Schools represent 61% of our debt funded CIP.
 - Those funds could be used to pay for:
 - New fire stations
 - New ballfields
 - New lane miles of roads
- School debt service is \$30.5M or 22 cents on the tax rate.

Inadequate State Funding

- Negative effect on residents and locality's fiscal health.