

## **Budget Advisory Council Sounding Board Meeting Notes**

December 9, 2015

Recommendations shared by BAC members:

- Outsourcing should be considered; efficiencies and savings could be achieved by outsourcing areas such as HR, food service, transportation, and custodial services.
- When new initiatives are recommended,
  - make sure that the benefits of the initiative are clearly explained
  - the cost of the initiative over time is presented
  - after implementation, evaluate the initiative to ensure that it achieved what it was intended to achieve.
- Hire a team who is responsible for identifying efficiencies throughout the division.
- Explore areas where Arlington County and APS can consolidate operations; examples given included mowing contracts and custodial services.
- Consider differential pay for hard to staff schools.
- Provide the cost of FLES in the budget document and identify what would be saved with consistent 90 minute per week implementation.
- Provide detail around the 1:1 initiative
  - What is the per device cost?
  - What does the program cost?
    - Identify the cost of the devices
    - The cost to train teachers and
    - The cost to support the program.