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INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT	Free and Reduced Lunch Rate																																						
RATIONALE	<p>The free and reduced lunch rates in Allegheny County Public Schools have been steadily climbing over the past few years. We currently have one school with a rate above 50%. The division average has increased slightly this year. I offer the following comparison of rates for October 2016 with rates from the same time the previous three years.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="391 1010 1438 1360"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>October 2016</th> <th>October 2015</th> <th>October 2014</th> <th>October 2013</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Allegheny High School</td> <td>43.39%</td> <td>39.80%</td> <td>35.98%</td> <td>32.85%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clifton Middle School</td> <td>51.87%</td> <td>49.39%</td> <td>49.81%</td> <td>43.83%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Callaghan</td> <td>49.28%</td> <td>48.84%</td> <td>50.00%</td> <td>50.87%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mountain View</td> <td>66.40%</td> <td>58.85%</td> <td>57.38%</td> <td>55.57%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sharon</td> <td>50.00%</td> <td>46.43%</td> <td>51.79%</td> <td>56.94%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Division Total</td> <td>51.85%</td> <td>47.86%</td> <td>46.83%</td> <td>44.71%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For a family of four to qualify for free lunch, the annual income must be \$31,590.00 or less, which reflects 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. To qualify for reduced lunch, a family of four must have an annual income of \$31,590.01 to \$44,955.00, or 185% of federal poverty guidelines.</p> <p>As you know, it is important to monitor this information as these free and reduced lunch students and the Medicaid eligible students comprise the economically disadvantaged subgroup of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act accountability. For 2016-2017, when a subgroup reaches 30 students of the tested population, the subgroup becomes a factor in determining federal accountability. In Title I schools, the free and reduced lunch rate also determines the kindergarten through third grade class size maximum for eligibility for Class Size Reduction funds. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.</p>					October 2016	October 2015	October 2014	October 2013	Allegheny High School	43.39%	39.80%	35.98%	32.85%	Clifton Middle School	51.87%	49.39%	49.81%	43.83%	Callaghan	49.28%	48.84%	50.00%	50.87%	Mountain View	66.40%	58.85%	57.38%	55.57%	Sharon	50.00%	46.43%	51.79%	56.94%	Division Total	51.85%	47.86%	46.83%	44.71%
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ESTIMATED COSTS	0.00
BUDGET CATEGORY	Federal Programs, K-3 Class Size Reduction
LEGAL REFERENCE	§ 22.1-199.1.E-Code of Virginia
STAFF CONTACTS	Mary Jane Mutispaugh
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION	

Documents related to the Board's discussion of the: