composite index of local ability-to-pay.

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## Certification of Budgeted Operational Expenditures from Local Funds to Meet Required Local Effort for Fiscal Year 2026

I certify that sufficient local funds have been appropriated to the Salem City school division for fiscal year 2026 to meet Required Local Effort for the Standards of Quality based on the projected March 31 average daily membership (ADM) contained in Chapter 725, 2025 General Assembly.

# Certification of Budgeted Operational Expenditures from Local Funds to Meet Required Local Match for Fiscal Year 2026

I hereby certify that the FY 2026 program participation and budgeted Required Local Match data submitted in this report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Program Name	Participation
At-Risk	Yes
The state and local shares of the At-Risk payment will be used to support approved programs for students who are educationally at-risk in fiscal year 2026 and that a local match of funds will be provided in fiscal year 2026 based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay. In order to receive the state At-Risk payment, local school divisions are required to spend the established At-Risk payment (state and local share based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay) on approved programs for students who are educationally at-risk. These programs may include: Dropout Prevention, community and school-based truancy officer programs, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Project Discovery, Reading Recovery, programs for students who speak English as a second language, hiring additional school counselors, testing coordinators, and licensed behavior analysts, or programs related to increasing the success of disadvantaged students in completing a high school degree and providing opportunities to encourage further education and training. A local match of funds based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay is also required. Actual uses of these funds shall be collected through Schedule Q of the ASRFIN that is due at a date to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Department shall compile the responses and provide them to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than the first day of each Regular General Assembly Session.	
Infrastructure and Operations Per Pupil Funds	Yes
The division is certifying that an additional local appropriation is required to meet Required Local Match for this program for fiscal year 2026 based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay in order to receive state share funding. Further, the locality in which the school division is located shall appropriate these funds solely for educational purposes and shall not use such funds to reduce total local operating expenditures for public education below the amount expended by the locality for such purposes in the year upon which the 2024-2026 biennial Standards of Quality expenditure data were based; provided however that no locality shall be required to maintain a per-pupil expenditure which is greater than the per pupil amount expended by the locality for such purposes in the year upon which the 2024-2026 biennial Standards of Quality expenditure data were based. School divisions are permitted to spend such funds no more than 60% for recurring costs and at least 40% for nonrecurring expenses in a manner that best supports the needs of the school divisions. The Department shall consider such nonrecurring expenses by school divisions from local funds to be credited toward their required local match under this program. Any funds provided to school divisions that are unexpended as of June 30, 2026, shall not revert to the Commonwealth but shall be carried on the books of the locality in local escrow accounts pursuant to 22.1-175.5, to be appropriated to the school division for use for the same purpose.	
K-3 Primary Class Size Reduction	Yes
Please note that you must also complete the K-3 section of the fall student record data collection and return all required documentation to the Department of Education.	
Spec Ed Add-On	Yes
The state and local shares of the Special Education Add-on payment will be used to support special education students in fiscal year 2026 and a local match of funds will be provided in fiscal year 2026 based on the school divisions	

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Program Name	Participation
Virginia Preschool Initiative	Yes
Please note that actual VPI student enrollment must be submitted and certified during the fall student record collection process.	

Year General Fund Budget 2025-26 \$65,918,944

Estimated Local Effort \$13,094,752

Budgeted Local Funding \$24,213,041

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#### Certification of Compensation Supplement Requirements for Fiscal Year 2026

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I hereby certify that the FY 2026 Compensation Supplement participation and related requirements submitted in this report are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Program Name	Participation
Compensation Supplement (effective July 1, 2025)	Yes

The division is certifying to the Department that a 3.0 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2025, for funded SOQ instructional and support positions has been funded pursuant to Item 125.C.38, Chapter 725, 2025 Acts if Assembly. It must also certify that the funds used as a local match are derived solely from local revenue sources. The state share of funding provided to a school division in support of this compensation supplement shall be prorated for school divisions that provide less than an additional average 3.0 percent salary increase in FY 2026; however, to access these funds, a school division must provide at least an additional average 1.5 percent salary increase in FY 2026. School divisions that provided an average increase in excess of 3.0 percent in FY 2025 may credit the excess portion of the increase toward FY 2026 for the purpose of accessing these funds in FY 2026. Payments in FY 2026 to any school division shall be based on providing the funds needed to continue the FY 2025 increase provided by the division plus the increase provided by the division in FY 2026. The state funds for which the division is eligible to receive shall be matched by the local government, based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay as of July 1, 2025 in Fiscal Year 2026 for funded SOQ instructional and support positions.

#### **Salary Percentage Increase Certification**

I hereby certify that the FY 2026 local salary percentage increases and related requirements submitted in this report are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

FY 2025 (full year)	4%
FY 2026 (full year)	4%