**ACCOMACK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

With 5 elementary, 3 middle, 3 high, and one K-12 combined school, enrollment in Accomack County schools has increased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

**Enrollment has increased.**

- Number of 4-year olds with state Virginia Pre-School Initiative funding in 2016-2017: 169
- Pupil-teacher ratio in 2015: 12.33
- 37% of 3rd graders did not pass SOL reading in 2015

Students from families that struggle financially face challenges that can make success in the classroom more difficult.

- 30% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 68% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- 7% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 89% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

**FUNDING**

As the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has fallen for Accomack County Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has fallen by 8.2%.

The state’s and federal government’s shares of operations funding for Accomack County schools have fallen, while the local government’s share has risen.

Total funding for operations:

- 2009: $55.5 million (FY15 dollars)
- 2015: $54.4 million

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\text{Local Share} & \text{State Share} & \text{Federal Share} \\
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2009 & 30.3\% & 57.8\% & 11.9\% \\
2015 & 32.2\% & 56.1\% & 11.7\% \\
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**Did you know...**

- That a one-cent increase in Accomack’s property tax rate can raise about $350,000?
- That Accomack invested 28.9% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau

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