**RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Russell County Public Schools.

**STUDENTS**

- Enrollment has decreased from 4,091 students in 2009 to 3,689 projected students in 2018.

- 25% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.

- 56% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.

- Russell filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

**FUNDING**

- State direct aid, per student, has fallen sharply for Russell County Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

- The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Russell has taken on a larger share of funding.

**STAFFING**

Relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009, there are fewer staff in Russell County Public Schools. This includes:

- 4 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 0 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 12 Fewer teacher aides
- 11 Fewer support staff

**Did you know ....**

- That a one-cent increase in Russell’s property tax rate can raise about $142,900?

- That Russell invested 16.7% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
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