**SUFFOLK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

**STUDENTS**

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

- 2% increase
- Suffolk had 13,568 students in 2008-2009.
- Suffolk is projected to have 13,797 students in 2018-2019.

- 16% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 47% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 1% of all students were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide.
- 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018.

**STAFFING**

Overall staffing levels for Suffolk have decreased compared to enrollment from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

- 91 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 1 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 4 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 60 Fewer teacher aides
- 78 Fewer support staff
- 234 Fewer staff
- 28 Fewer students

**FUNDING**

State direct aid has fallen sharply for Suffolk City Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

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

Did you know....

- that a one-cent increase in Suffolk's property tax rate can raise about $919,800?
- that Suffolk invested 83.8% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

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