The proposed Pupil Personnel Budget for 2009-2010 includes student support services for the South Fayette School District in grades K-12 and off campus at Approved Private Schools and Private Schools. It includes the following support services: Non-special education tuitions, Charter Schools, Approved Private and Private Schools, Deaf Hearing Support, Vision Support, Speech and Language at DART, Speech and Language Services at South Fayette, Speech and Language Services at out-of-district placements, Watson Institute Autism Support Services, Watson Institute Cooperative Works/Community-based/School-to-Work Services, Extended School Year Services for Students who students with special needs who qualify, Assistive Technology Supports, Gifted Education Supports (i.e. competitions, on-line courses, etc.), English-as-a-Second Language Supports, Psychological Supports, Psychiatric Supports, Occupational Therapy Supports, Physical Therapy Supports, Social Worker Supports, Homebound Instruction, Special Education Classroom Supports (i.e. workbooks, manipulatives, etc.), Legal and Compensatory Education Supports, Staff Development Support to Teachers and Paraeducators, General Supplies and Printing for the Pupil Personnel Offices, Staff Development and Parent Meeting Basic Refreshments.

The increases and decreases of these pupil support services are individually listed on the spreadsheet under “Explanation of Variance”. The increases in pupil support services vary from 2%-9% depending on the service from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Watson Institute and Approved Private and Private Schools. The decreases vary based on less start-up costs at the elementary for a Life Skills Classroom, less supplies, less consumable books needed, less dues for gifted support, less students attending private schools and less required testing kits.

At any time in pupil support services, there can be a need for increased monies due to increased services for a child with disabilities who moves into our district or who is identified as a child with disabilities in our district as needing any of the services outlined above. We are obligated to be in compliance through many Special Education, Gifted education, English-as-a-Second Language and Pupil Services laws, mandates and regulations. These legal obligations are an entitlement to all students who are identified as having disabilities. Future projection of needs for students does occur but does not guarantee that costs will not exceed the amounts stated in the pupil personnel budget categories.

The Pupil Personnel Department has requested a 10 month Clerical/ACCESS Coordinator to help support the offices with the excessive amount of paperwork to get reimbursement monies from the state, excessive special education document filing and an increase in clerical duties relative to our department. This position will be paid not through the district budget but through reimbursement ACCESS funds. Also, requested is a full-time school psychologist/transition coordinator/social worker which replaces social workers currently employed by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and contracted to South Fayette.