

Dear Colleague:

The Examiner of March 4, 2005 (p. 3) contains some information on local teachers' salaries in an article entitled "Possible 8% Raise for Teachers." The 8% figure is the proposed raise for teachers in the budget for Arlington County Schools. When one school district raises salaries to such an extent, pressure is applied to other local school boards to provide similar raises.

In addition, all local school boards are raising starting salaries to attract and retain teachers, as shown in the Table below that was taken directly from the article.

Current and Proposed Starting Salaries for Local Teachers

School District	Current BA	Proposed BA	Current MA	Proposed MA
Arlington	\$37,000	\$40,000	\$41,600	\$45,000
Alexandria	34,800	N/A	44,000	N/A
Fairfax	36,800	38,600	41,500	43,500
Pr. William	36,500	37,600	41,000	42,200
Loudoun	N/A	40,000	N/A	45,000

Best wishes.