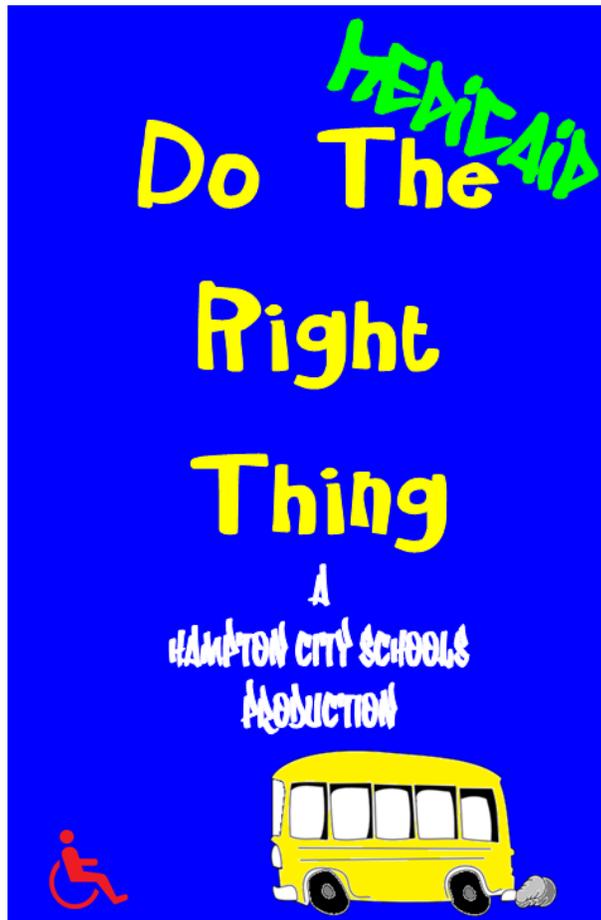


Do the Right Thing – Part 2

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Five years ago I wrote about Medicaid billing for services provided to special needs children. Did a cartoon – go figure – reflecting my opinion about how the revenue generated from Medicaid billing was being spent. The cartoon showed my disgust that Medicaid funds were being used in the general fund for whatever the districted desired. In 2012, it happen to be buses. But, if the district wanted to use the money to purchase new furniture for the superintendent’s office – okey dokey. Redo an auditorium – fine. Maybe install a new gymnasium floor – good to go. Hire only highly qualified non-provisional licensed teachers – no can do...they could, but they won’t.



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Nothing has changed. So why do I revisit this issue. It has now become fighting words used in the battle to stop the repeal of Obamacare. A battle, in part, being fought at our children’s expense. I doubt the sincerity of the alarm for these children. Senator Kaine recently used this issue to warn of the hardship that awaits our special needs students in the classroom if the republicans appeal Obamacare. Medicaid, a joint health program with states, suffered inadequate funding during Senator Kaine’s leadership as the Governor of Virginia, but now it’s vital to our students with disabilities. The thing is, services that are provided to students with disabilities are driven via an Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Medicaid or no Medicaid, the services will be provided or a district will suffer the possibility of a lawsuit. Medicaid

revenue is meant to lessen the financial burden not to ensure that services are provided. If it isn't on the IEP, a school district is not able to seek reimbursement.

Below is a chart showing Hampton's reliance on the funds.

Year	Budgeted Medicaid Revenue	Annual School Report Finance Medicaid Revenue	Students with Disabilities
2009	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 283,213.9300	2,958
2010	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 47,728.0600	2,896
2011	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 165,042.2400	2,942
2012	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 322,632.9600	2,928
2013	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 270,960.6600	2,811
2014	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 951,853.0500	2,694
2015	\$1,100,000.00	\$ 860,834.5700	2,673
2016	\$1,200,000.00	\$ 816,612.6700	2,619
2017	\$1,100,000.00	Not Available	2,625
2018	\$ 900,000.00	Not Available	Not Available