

# Candidates for State Delegate in 34th District

## Kathleen Murphy (D-34)\*

*Incumbent*

**Town of residence:** McLean

**Family:** My husband Bill Sudow and I are parents to six children

**Education:** BA Graduated Magna Cum Laude from American University

**Offices held, dates:** Delegate, 34th District (January 2015 - Present)

**Occupation and relevant**

**experience:** I am currently President of Johnson Murphy & Associates where I build legislative strategies for companies and nonprofits. I served as Associate Staff on Appropriations for Congressman Charlie Wilson and handled Defense and Foreign Affairs, served as Congressional Liaison for United States Agency for International Development, and was appointed Senior Advisor at the International Trade Administration in the US Department of Commerce.

**Community involvement:** I am a member of the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Community Foundation, and serve on the fundraising board for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I served on the Human Services Council for Fairfax County and on the Fairfax County Health Care Task Force. I am the Democratic Party Precinct Co-Captain for Langley precinct.

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**differences there?**

I have successfully worked across party lines and my legislative record demonstrates that. This past session I cosponsored, and voted for, important legislation introduced by Republicans and Democrats and didn't let partisanship get in the way of doing what was right for our district.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative**

**priorities.**

1. Reforming the funding formulas for our schools
2. Fighting for Northern Virginia's fair share of transportation funding
3. Ensuring we are business friendly and help small business have access to capital
4. Protecting our children and families from gun violence
5. Promoting renewable energy and other innovative technologies

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The population of Northern Virginia has increased significantly over the last 10 years. New residents are drawn, to our district specifically, by our quality of life and excellent school system. The extension of the Silver Line and the growth of the Tysons Corner business community are also contributing factors. Simply, the 34th is a great place to live and we need to work to ensure we provide the quality services are growing community deserves.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Yes. With more than 460 car-title loan operations in Virginia and interest rates reaching as high as 300%, this abusive high-interest lending must be addressed.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Yes. I am very supportive of measures that protect and support our most vulnerable children who are aging out of foster care. Virginia has already made great strides in educational stability for children in foster care but there is more work to be done.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

Yes. I support Medicaid expansion because it is morally right and fiscally responsible. I will vote for expansion and I will continue to advocate for it in Richmond and in the 34th district.

## Craig A. Parisot (R)

*Challenger, House of Delegates  
District 34*

**Town of residence:** McLean

**Age:** 41

**Family:** Wife Kristin, Son Jackson

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina, MBA from California State Polytechnic University and post-graduate work at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Mr. Parisot is the President and Chief Executive Officer of his third start up. He previously held executive leadership roles in two technology start ups, successfully growing and selling both, and was a founder and the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Altamira Technologies Corporation

**Community involvement:** Mr. Parisot served in the United States Air Force in a combination of active duty and reserve roles from 1996 to 2005 working on science and technology programs, eventually separating at the rank of Captain. Craig is a current board member of Volunteer Fairfax and its most recent past President. Volunteer Fairfax focuses on developing leaders and promoting volunteerism in the region, and mobilizes Fairfax County's volunteer resources in the face of a natural disaster or other crisis. Craig is also on the Board of Directors of the World Police and Fire Games, which created an \$83 million positive economic impact for the region. He also sits on the boards of other for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

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**bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

I have always been one to run towards hard problems, both as an Air Force Officer and as a business executive. I have always been goal oriented. In business, you can't just walk away from the table. You must find solutions. We need a Delegate in Richmond with the experience and capacity to act. As a member of the majority, I have the ability to get things done — not as a partisan, but on the merits of the proposed solutions to our most urgent problems.

The Virginia way has always been one where elected officials and leaders across the state work together to get things done. This will be one of many things you will gain by sending me to Richmond.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Invest in Public Education; Reduce commute times; Fight tolls on I-66 inside the beltway; Improve Virginia's business climate; Pursue growth opportunities in the high technology sector

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

Our area is a very attractive place for people to live. Although, due to our proximity to the federal government, sequestration has had a devastating impact to our economy. Our cost of living continues to rise while traffic worsens. We must grow and diversify our economy, make the necessary investments in public education and solve the region's transportation problems. These are economic and quality of life issues. I am concerned about great people leaving our region because we have failed to address these issues in a meaningful way.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Virginia has made some progress in this area, but the question is have we done enough. I believe in finding the right balance between free market principles and providing accessibility to financing alternatives.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

I fully support ensuring that foster children are not forgotten about when they become young adults. We need to make sure those that truly need our help receive it. While I would not be opposed to federal funding, we must find ways to reduce our dependence on Washington.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

We should focus on providing for people's healthcare needs exploring the array of alternatives available. The only responsible conversation about a solution incorporates the long term impact to the Virginia taxpayer and reducing our reliance on the federal government. Medicaid currently represents 21% of Virginia's budget and is our fastest growing line item. Simply expanding a broken system is not a long term solution. I have concerns about both the quality and cost of care and we must tackle the matter of reimbursement rates and fraud, waste and abuse. Virginia makes a significant investment annually in the healthcare safety net to ensure everyone receives the help they need and we should continue taking this approach while pursuing necessary reforms.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Service before self is a deeply held value of great importance to me and as a third generation veteran, service has a long tradition in my family. I believe in the idea of the citizen legislator. That if we, as ordinary citizens, have something to offer our state or country in a time of need that it is our civic responsibility to offer ourselves in service to our neighbors. I think deeply about the challenges we face and, working together, will figure out ways to make meaningful progress to make our community stronger and safer.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

This race for Delegate is one of stark contrast. I'm a Business Leader, having built two advanced technology companies, I deployed lifesaving technologies for our soldiers and first responders, promoted women into key executive leadership roles, and have provided salaries and health benefits for hundreds of families. I have first-hand experience in the technologies central to the Northern Virginia innovation economy, and essential to our future.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully**

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# Candidates for State Senate in District 31

## Barbara Favola (D)



*Senate District 31 Incumbent*  
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**Family:** Married to Doug Weik with one son, Donald Patrick  
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**Offices held, dates:** Arlington County Board Member 1997 through 2011; VA State Senator 2011 to 2015  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Government Relations and Community Outreach Consultant  
**Community involvement:** Board Member of: Child & Family Network Centers, Arlington YMCA, Culpepper Garden, Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocate Program and the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind  
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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Virginia Education Association; League of Conservation Voters and NARAL

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The need to provide each child with a quality education is the issue that calls me to service. I will work on increasing State funding for early childhood education, for K-12 services and for early special education programs.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I bring nearly 20 years of compassionate effective leadership. I served on the Arlington County Board for 14 years and I just completed a 4-year term in the State Senate. As a freshman senator, I passed over 20 bills and I continue to remain active in the community. My opponent moved to the district one year ago.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The fact that I successfully passed important pieces of legislation is an indication that I can effectively work across party lines.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Improving K-12 Education, Investing in Pre-School, Participating in Medicaid Expansion, Improving Workforce Training and better funding Higher Education.

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

My district has become increasingly diverse and the public school systems in Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun are struggling to ensure that high school graduation rates remain high and that higher education options are available to everyone.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I have introduced this legislation for the past three years. In 2014, the General Assembly passed authorizing legislation to permit Virginia's participation. However, State funding was not made available. I am working with Governor McAuliffe to include this program in his budget.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Absolutely! I have been working to make Medicaid Expansion a reality in the Commonwealth for the past three years. I will work to build a strong coalition of support that includes Republican leaning organizations.

## George V. Forakis (R)



*Challenger, Senate District 31*  
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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Virginia, and more specifically Northern Virginia, faces the increasing challenge of providing a steady source of jobs that are not reliant on the federal government. This includes attracting both new and expanding businesses — in Northern Virginia, the evidence of this challenge is clear — vacant office space and a continued reliance on federal spending are issues that must be addressed as we move forward. This issue defines my call to serve the people of Virginia's 31<sup>st</sup> district; for too long, our representatives have avoided tackling the difficult issues that affect a majority of our population. These economic challenges can be addressed with a variety of approaches, including lower taxes, decreased regulation, investment in infrastructure, and cultivating an overall business-friendly environment. The advantages of this approach are widespread and include lower individual taxes across all levels of income, and improved infrastructure, such as roads and communications systems, that will benefit everyone.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have not spent my professional career in an elected position, and as such, my commitments are simple and unwavering — I will make sure that the people of the Northern Virginia are represented the way that they want to be represented, not the way that special interests groups and politicians would like them to be. To the people of this district: I promise to listen to you (yes, all of you — regardless of whether you are in the heart of Arlington or the neighborhoods of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties).

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The state legislature, much like Congress and the rest of Washington, faces challenges stemming from partisan differences and stubborn, self-serv-

ing agendas. While I hold true to many of my party's values, I am not afraid to share my perspective as a member of the next generation of leaders. My issue agenda reflects a conservative approach with a willingness to consider an evolving landscape, both in our state and in our country. I am committed to representing the people of this district and am prepared to bring common-sense leadership to

the legislature.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

❖ Creating jobs through economic development initiatives ❖ Reduce the tax burden on the middle class by cutting waste and prioritizing spending ❖ Improving infrastructure to alleviate traffic/congestion, allowing for a better quality of life and positive secondary economic effects ❖ Invest in all levels of education, including higher education and high-quality vocational programs for students who do not want to, or are unable to attend four-year programs. ❖ Alternative energy sources and clean nuclear power

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Until "sequestration" in 2013, the population in this district (and Northern Virginia in general) was growing at an incredible rate. The federal budget cuts and subsequent slow in growth that occurred two years ago, however, illuminated that fact that we are too heavily reliant on D.C.'s fiscal policy and are in desperate need of our own economy. Indeed, we will always be home to defense contractors and IT professionals — but we must ensure that we create an environment that encourages all types of businesses to participate in the economy.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes. Part of our job as legislators is to protect the people that we represent and we are obligated to prevent businesses from taking advantage of Virginia families, even if it means putting common-sense limitations on the free market.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. Assistance to these families, especially considering that they may be considering/already enrolled in higher education at the time of aging out, is critical in shaping the futures of our foster children.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Instead of Medicaid expansion, I support solutions that give Virginia citizens options and will work to support proactively-focused and less costly preventative care.

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Each voter in Fairfax County can make choices in one State Senate district, one

House of Delegates district, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, District member of the Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County School Board at Large (vote for 3); District School Board member; Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for 3); School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

It's also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year. Voters arriving to the polls without required photo ID will be al-

lowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards (U.S. government or Virginia); valid Virginia college or university student photo identification card; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter; Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office.

"Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad.

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# School Board Candidates At-Large

## Dr. R. E. "Bob" Copeland

**Town of residence:** Vienna

**Age:** 68  
**Family:** Sharol: Wife of 44 years; McLean H.S. graduate, two children, Both Marshall H.S. and JMU graduates. Seven grandchildren, all living in Fairfax County.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Pharmacy, Doctor of Dental Surgery, General Practice Residency VA Hospital Washington DC.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Dentist: I meet with the general public daily, diagnose their problems, and then solve them. Small Business Owner 1978 to present.

**Community involvement:** Falls Church Little League, Vienna Civic Association, Citizen Advisory Committee for Fairfax County Police Dept.

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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

We have one of the best school systems in the country. The present School Board has little interest in budget management and is leading us in a way that is unsustainable. Despite an increase in the budget of 107% and enrollment growth of 22% over the past 15 years, we are falling behind in many major categories. Class sizes are up. Teacher salaries are flat and so is the achievement gap. Seven schools are in danger of losing their accreditation just in one district. It is past time for an outside, transparent and meaningful audit so programs can be evaluated, fluff eliminated and core educational achievement can be maximized.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

The School Board and Administration need to take responsibility for their failure to prioritize programs, eliminate waste and manage the budget.

I would not design an online budget tool whose purpose is to shield the administration and school board from criticism by creating cuts by popular demand. A real budget tool would engage parents by asking them what they would like to save. If cuts were actually needed, informed leaders would have to make the adjustment.

#### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

FCPS should use merit based instruction, with a focus on providing a quality education for all our students. The schools cannot change the economic conditions of families. All they can do is assure that every student has an educational opportunity that will allow each individual to succeed.

#### 4. How to address the achievement gap?

The achievement gap is largely between English and non-English speaking children. It is a tragedy that non-English speaking children are kept in ESOL programs for years without progress. I would advocate for summer school for ESOL students to speed mainstreaming. Since the federal government has opened the door to illegal immigration, they should pay for the added costs.

#### 5. Budget Question

I am confident that 2.3% of savings could be found in the present \$3 billion budget. One of my frustrations as a concerned citizen is the lack of transparency of the cost and effectiveness of programs. As presently structured, the number one item for elimination is athletics. Athletics is an \$11 million line item in a \$3 billion budget. What is missing in the analysis is athletics bring in an excess of \$100 million in non-taxpayer money to the School System. The take home lesson is: Never Never Never end athletics.



## Omar Fateh

**Town of residence:** Annandale

**Age:** 25  
**Education:** MPA from George Mason University

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Former Campaign Finance Analyst at FEC, Former Academic Advisor/Assistant Instructor at Northern Virginia Community College

**Community involvement:** Co-organize youth basketball league, Assist in developing tutoring programs at local mosques

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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The achievement gap. Our minority and economically disadvantaged students continually score 20-30 points below their peers on standardized tests. The dropout rate among economically disadvantaged students has nearly doubled in the last four years. First, standardized test scores should not be the main indicator of student progress or potential. Second, rather than having teachers teach to the tests, it is important for the School Board to give teachers the freedom to identify their students' strengths and interests. Finally, we must get parents involved, and to place responsibility on the students to succeed as well.

#### 2. Why should voters choose you?

The qualities that separate me most from the other candidates for School Board include the perspective I bring as a member of some of the County's many underrepresented communities (including the Somali and Muslim communities), as a former Fairfax County Public Schools student, and also as a former advisor to countless area students at Northern Virginia Community College.

#### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Many parents in Fairfax County must work multiple jobs, and are not able to provide the full support needed by their children, such as attending school meetings and checking their children's work. It is critical for us to get parents as involved as we can, in part by meeting them on their terms and as much as possible. I will ensure that I am easily accessible to the entire community. Having worked with my local mosque to develop a tutoring program for our County's youth, many people within our community are willing to donate their time and efforts to help both academically, and in developing them as professionals.

Increased funding is necessary to meet the needs of an ever-expanding student body.

#### 4. How to address the achievement gap?

To begin addressing the issue in earnest, the School Board first needs compassionate representatives willing to understand and serve the needs of the full range of County students with new energy and ability.

#### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

Board members must also better engage their fellow elected officials to seek additional funding. The majority of the Board of Supervisors wants to fully fund our schools, but the dollars simply are not coming in from Richmond. We need to work with state representatives to bring back our tax dollars. We must work first and foremost to provide additional funding. We must get both Boards on the same page, and put education—in other words, our children—first in Fairfax County.



## Jeanette Hough

**Town of residence:** Fairfax

**Age:** 36  
**Family:** Husband, Charlie (Oakton graduate '97); Ryan (4th grade), Keri (2nd grade), Ethan (Kindergarten), Vader (rescue puppy)

**Education:** B.A. in Economics; University of Virginia, Masters in Physical Therapy; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Physical Therapist (Senior Therapist – mentor and leader role)

**Community involvement:** Volunteer in children's elementary school, local homeless shelter, church, and with meals and holiday gifts through Our Daily Bread, volunteer with kid's sports and activities, Manna Meal coordinator, PTA member

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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Responsibility to the community defines my call to serve. That responsibility comes with engaging the community members, being fiscally responsible and setting clear priorities. Authentic engagement includes holding office hours and citizen town halls throughout the year, not just showing up to ribbon cuttings and planned events. Our community deserves more transparency with FCPS' \$2.7 billion operating fund. I will prioritize reducing large class sizes, not with one-time fixes the way my opponents have, but with long-term planning. I will prioritize competitive teacher salaries. Our teachers' salaries have fallen behind compared to surrounding counties. Instead of making it a real priority, the Board raised their own salary by 60%.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponents, why should voters choose you?

My opponents either do not have children or have not had children in FCPS for a long time. As the mother of children in graduating classes of 2023, 2025, 2027, I bring a unique insight into our school system. I bring an Economics degree when we face a shortfall of over \$70 million for FY17 due to failing to enact budgeting best practices.

#### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Part of the growing divide comes from parallel decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. It is imperative to have a new School Board that can build trust with the Board of Supervisors. With a better relationship, the two Boards can work together for our community and all of our children.

#### 4. How to address the achievement gap?

Under current leadership, the achievement gap continues to be substantial. We cannot keep electing the same people and expect a different result. We need to provide a rigorous curriculum to all students and allocate resources for objective gains. We need to work with the community to provide wraparound services and empower parents to help their children at home.

#### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS' projected shortfall is 2.5% of the operating budget. The current School Board took five years to hire an auditor general and has refused to do a line of business review. My top priority is to ensure clear metrics and objectivity so we base cuts on educational impact and effectiveness, not on bias and popularity. We also need to look at FCPS' contract procurement practices. I will bring leadership to the Board so we cut waste and inefficiency, not proven programs.



## Manar Jean-Jacques

**Town of residence:** Fairfax

**Age:** 31  
**Family:** My family is originally from Egypt and my wonderful husband, Thierry, is from Haiti. We have been married for 7 years and we have two children, Thomas is 2 and Mary is 8 months.

**Education:** I hold a B.A. in Sociology from George Mason University

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I work at the Refugee Processing Center as a contractor for the Department of State.

**Community involvement:** I participate in local volunteer opportunities through my church, I spent time on the ground in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina assisting in disaster relief efforts and I spent time helping at an orphanage in my husband's hometown of Port-au-Prince, Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010.

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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

As a first generation American, I cherish the importance of a government that listens to its people. I feel called to serve in my local government because the current school board is unresponsive to its constituents. I plan on involving the community in all board-related matters through regular town halls, PTA meetings, setting special time aside to meet with teachers and making myself readily available to the residents of Fairfax County via office hours, email and phone.

#### 2. Why should voters choose you?

As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the highest quality education for FCPS students so that our children have the best opportunities to thrive and be successful. I understand the frustration parents have with class size disparity, the need for more rigor in the classroom and the need for parents of this next generation to be respected and recognized as the primary educators of their children.

#### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

It is important to keep rigor, class size disparity and staffing formulas at the heart of the conversation with the community. Working together, we can create solutions that address our county's challenges and needs. It is the responsibility of FCPS to educate all students in the county and shape them into productive members of the community.

#### 4. How to address the achievement gap?

Coming from an immigrant family and working daily to bring refugees to the U.S., I understand what education means for those seeking a better future for themselves and their families in the U.S. I am very concerned that the needle hasn't moved on closing the minority achievement gap in years, despite \$65 million being poured into projects targeting the issue. I would begin addressing the achievement gap by engaging teachers in the conversation and seeking their expertise.

#### 5. Budget Question:

If elected, I would like to put a motion before the board to vote on giving back the 60% raise they voted themselves in the midst of this budget gap. I would also like to look at outsourcing FCPS jobs that do not directly impact the education of children inside the classroom. Outsourcing gives businesses in the community an opportunity to thrive and frees up money that we would have been paying into pensions to now be redirected back into the classroom.



# School Board Candidates At-Large

## Ryan McElveen

**INCUMBENT**

**Town of residence:** McLean

**Age:** 29

**Family:** Married

**Education:** M.A. in International Affairs, Columbia University; B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies, The University of Virginia

**Offices held, dates:** School Board Member, At-Large, January 2012-Present

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**Name three endorsements:** Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Democratic Committee

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I will remain a voice for the voiceless who don't know how to best resolve their concerns with the school system. One of my first actions on the Board was to push for the creation of a system to allow community members to submit YouTube video testimonies to be shown at our meetings. I will continue engaging with the community in a transparent manner and with an open mind while working to improve our communications.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a track record of bringing significant and positive change to the school system in a short amount of time. I have focused on three major initiatives: improving school food, the internationalization working group, and the alumni networking action group which has helped us map a path to create FCPS alumni association.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

FCPS is a tale of two counties, and this unquestionably has emerged as one of our biggest challenges. To address this divide, the School Board must maintain its long-standing practice of targeting these communities with needs-based funding. Co-location of school and human services facilities, as has been piloted in Mount Vernon, is another way to tackle this community issue without spending significant additional county resources.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

Our Board has remained steadfast in our support of needy students and those who speak other languages at home by directing budget resources to these at-risk populations. We have made expanding early childhood opportunities one of our priorities, because we know that investments in the education of students at an early age pay dividends later in their educational careers (thus saving our system money). We must continue working with the county to creatively fund and house these programs.

**5. Budget Question**

FCPS cannot remain the system it is today at current levels of funding, and we won't realize that we've hit the breaking point until it's too late. It is well past time to diversify local revenue streams.

Beyond Fairfax, the School Board must take advocacy to the next level by coalition building with similar, like-minded districts and umbrella organizations throughout the state to push for a change to our state funding mechanisms. Additionally, both Boards need to continue exploring legal recourse to obtain the education funding guaranteed by the Virginia constitution.



## Ilyong Moon

**INCUMBENT**

**Town of residence:** Fairfax

**Age:** 58

**Family:** Father of 2 FCPS graduates

**Education:** Harvard, B.A.; William and Mary Law School, J.D.

**Offices held, dates:** At-Large School Board Member, 07/1995-12/1995 & 2004-present; Braddock District School Board Member 1996-1999; At-Large Planning Commissioner 2000-2003.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Attorney since 1984; Member, Board of Directors, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, 2000-2010; Member, Board of Directors, Montessori School of Northern Virginia, 1994-1995

**Community involvement:** Youth soccer coaching, Fairfax-Falls Church Regional Council of the United Way, Police Chief's Diversity Council.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** My family, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, and Democratic Party

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

We should prepare our students for global competition. They will not only lead our country in the future, but must be able to compete with the students from the other nations. I want Fairfax County to be the best place to live, work, and raise children. We need good teachers and must support them. We should challenge our students to do their best, meet their individual needs, and provide them with a broad curriculum, including in STEM and foreign language education.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s); why should voters choose you?**

Experience and unique perspectives. I have served on the school board for 16 years, including 3 years as chairman and 2 years as vice chairman, and also chaired budget, governance, personnel, and policy committees. Furthermore, I bring unique perspectives as an immigrant grown up in poverty, an English language learner, an attorney, and a small business owner.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

All students should have resources per their needs. We should work more closely with the parents to help their children succeed. For the parents with language, cultural, or employment barriers, we should reach out to them more proactively. All students should have adequate access to digital devices and internet capability. We must also work with the County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on housing issues not to concentrate high poverty students on certain areas.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

Adequate resources, closer work with families, and high expectations for all students are needed. I support needs-based staffing. Resources should follow students' needs whether in opportunities, special education, or learning English as a second language. We need to equip, train, and educate parents to help their children succeed. Also, everyone should have high expectations for all students. We should expand early childhood education opportunities, working with the County, State, private sector, and community organizations.

**5. Budget Question**

A community consensus on the school funding level should be built. I support the superintendent's work with the budget task force to gather community input. Both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors need to know where the community stands. We should also review our programs, practices, and operations to find savings. My priorities are to increase teacher salaries, lower class sizes, and challenge all students to do their best and pre



## Burnette G. Scarboro

**Town of residence:** Alexandria (Fairfax County)

**Age:** Over 21

**Family:** Luther, husband; Children – Syreeta, Seneca and Stefanie

**Education:** Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC; NOVA Community College; and George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

**Offices held, dates:** No elected office held

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Fairfax County Public Schools – Family Engagement Representative; African Heritage Early Literacy Project Leader. Co-founder South County Youth Network a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Member, Lt. Governor's Commonwealth Council for Childhood Success

**Community involvement:** Northern VA District PTA Director; Member, VA State PTA Board; Member, Chairman Bulova's Ad Hoc Police Review Committee; Coordinator, West Potomac-Mount Vernon School-Community Coalition

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Dr. Larry Bussey; The Faith Community; and Mattie Palmore, Community Activist

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

My desire to have equitable education for all students drives me to run, along with character education in all school pyramids.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

Voters should choose me because I am embedded in the school system as an employee; family oriented and believe that students and families should not be judged by their geographical location.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

First, we need to address the increase in families placing their children in private schools or homeschooling; second, the economic divide is a direct correlation of the type of businesses in a community, i.e., fast food establishments vs. Fortune 500; and, third – work on changing the mindset of judging others by zip codes.

**4. How will you address the achievement gap?**

The achievement gap should not exist. The history of public education clearly shows that that public education was not designed for people of color. The achievement gap came on the scene when schools were integrated. I can only address the problem when all stakeholders understand why the problem exists.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

FCPS and the BOS must work together to develop strategies to bring more businesses into the area and reduce the reliance on real estate taxes. Teachers know where cuts can be made and that is the group that I would begin my inquiries.

**6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?**

A school system with a stellar reputation is sought by businesses and former school graduates to return and give back to the community. Taxpayers want to see "more bang for their bucks." Elect me to the school board and you'll see the plan in action!



## Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff

**INCUMBENT**

**Town of Residence:** Chantilly

**Age:** 61

**Family:** Wife, Dr. Patricia Velkoff; Daughters Catherine (South Lakes H.S. 2007), Elizabeth (Chantilly H.S. 2009)

**Offices held, dates:** At-Large member of the Fairfax County School Board, January 2012 to present. Have served as Vice Chairman of the Board, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Senior Software Architect at Integrity One Partners, Reston VA; previously with Lockheed Martin and IBM in Manassas, VA. M.A., Computer Science, Indiana University; M. Music, Conducting, Indiana University; B. Music, Composition, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

**Community involvement:** PTSA President, Chantilly H.S.; PTA Treasurer, Chantilly H.S., Rocky Run M.S., Poplar Tree E.S.; Treasurer, Pleasant Valley Preschool, Girl Scout Troup 2829. Volunteer, stage manager and occasional human prop, Fairfax Ballet.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Supervisor John Foust, Senator Chap Petersen, Delegate Ken Plum.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Eliminate high stakes testing and replace with authentic assessments. We must restore joy of teaching and learning that comes from projects, inquiry and communication. Recently inaugurated Portrait of a Graduate defines success not in terms of what students know, but what they can do with what they know.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I am proud of the work accomplished. We hired a visionary and transformational leader in Dr. Karen Garza. We made much-needed changes to student discipline practices; solved the high school start time problem; and instituted full-day instruction in elementary schools on Mondays. My opponents have seldom, if ever, attended school board meetings or work sessions, and appear to have been motivated solely by disagreement with one action of the board last May.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

We must insist on rigorous instruction for all children in all schools, whether wealthy or poor, gifted or disadvantaged. I am deeply opposed to the punitive accountability measures imposed by the state and federal government, which are counterproductive. I am just as deeply committed to the principle that we in FCPS must do everything we can to meet the needs of all children.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

The most important thing we can do is to achieve universal pre-school in Fairfax County. Nobel Prize economist James Heckman has demonstrated that high quality pre-school yields a 7 to 1 return on investment in less remediation and discipline issues over the career of a student.

**5. Budget Question**

The County Executive has told FCPS to "live within its means." In accordance with that budget guidance, the Superintendent will have to cut \$72M from the operating budget. The School Board has closed similar gaps by increasing class size and limiting employee compensation. This year I will not support a budget that is balanced on the backs of our employees.



## Candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

### Sharon Bulova (D)

**Incumbent**

**Town of residence:** Fairfax

**Age:** 67

**Family:** Married. Between my husband and I we have: four adult children and seven grandchildren.

**Education:** AAS Degree in Business Management from Northern VA Community College, attended business classes, UVA evening program, previously held Real Estate license

**Offices held, dates:**

Elected Braddock (then called Annandale) District Supervisor in 1987. In February 2009 elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Re-elected in 2011.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I am a full time Chairman. Prior to elected office I held positions in business.

**Community involvement:** I came to local government through my work as Civic Association president of Kings Park West. I have been a member of the Annandale Rotary, how serving as an honorary member. I am a founder of Faith Communities in Action and collaborated on two community history projects: A Look Back at Braddock and the Asian American History Project.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** FEA (Fairfax Education Association), Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I love local government and feel strongly about community engagement. In my roles as Braddock Supervisor and now Chairman I have been committed to making sure our community is at the table with local government to participate in resolving issues and addressing our challenges. A major challenge right now is the sluggish recovery we are experiencing from the Great Recession. My goal is to strike the right balance between maintaining taxes that are affordable to our residents while investing what is needed to ensure a world class school system, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, a clean environment and quality of life services like libraries and our fantastic park system.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have the experience, the commitment and the enthusiasm to serve as Fairfax County's chairman. I believe I have the collaborative skill set needed to lead our Board and our community on an even, positive course.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

Education continues to be my highest priority. It is however, not my only priority. It is critical that we continue to be the safest jurisdiction of our size in the U.S. and that we maintain the quality of life our residents value. Beginning in January our newly elected Board will engage in a multi-year Lines of Business process to examine all of our services in order to identify opportunities for efficiencies and savings. We have invited the School Board to participate with us in this process. I am hopeful that, working together, we will find new ways to economize on resources and improve on the delivery of services to families and students.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I am a full time Chairman. I work well over 40 hours per week plus countless hours of community and regional activities.



### Glenda Gail 'for Rail' Parker (I)

**Town of residence:**

Alexandria, Fairfax County

**Age:** 68

**Family:** Three grown children, four Grand-children

**Education:** MBA with a certificate in Software Engineering Administration

**Offices held, dates:**

Elected to Vice- Chair, Independent Greens of Virginia (2007 to Present); elected to COG TPB CAC (2007-2010)

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Governmental Budget Analyst, Businesswoman  
Community involvement: Fairfax Federation Civic Association Committee, Public Safety Chair (approximately 2009-2010)

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**Name three favorite endorsements:**

Independent Greens of Virginia



**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

The Independent Green Party Green New Deal will get us on the right track. The Green New Deal means double- digit job growth in Eco jobs for the economy. Solar jobs. Wind jobs. Geothermal jobs. Rail jobs. The Green New Deal means Bike share for Fairfax County. Bikes, like rail, increase the value of our homes, businesses, and communities. The Green New Deal will bring Electronic VRE signs for commuters. The Green New Deal means New Tracks, More Trains, More often to More Places. The Green New Deal is solar panels, and geothermal heating and cooling for every public building. Renewable energy makes money for taxpayers.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

My advocacy for Rail and renewable energy. Investments in Green Energy make money. The solar age is here and we want on-board! It is past time to bring the Green Revolution to Fairfax County.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

The infrastructure budget has too many subsidies to big oil, big asphalt, big auto, fossil fuels. Giving a half a trillion dollars in taxpayer subsidies annually worldwide to big oil is fiscal lunacy. Cut and reprioritize the infrastructure budget to invest in free solar energy and geothermal energy. Work harmoniously with the School Board to place money where it will do the most good, fund education costs and teacher salaries rather than administration costs. Build Rail: Rail will grow revenues by growing the economy. Rail increases the value of our homes, businesses and communities. Every \$1 invested in Rail returns \$20 to the community!

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

The new salary voted by the Board will allow me to devote full time to BOS duties.

### Arthur Purves (R)

**Town of residence:** Vienna

**Age:** 66

**Family:** Married 42 years, two children, seven grandchildren

**Education:** BA, MS, MBA University of Pennsylvania

**Offices held, dates:** N/A

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Computer Programmer

**Community involvement:**

-President, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance since 1996  
-Member, Fairfax County Meals Tax Task Force (2014)  
-Member, Hunter Mill Citizen Budget Committee (2013)  
-Treasurer, Fairfax Committee 100  
-Member Fairfax Branch, NAACP  
-Past member of three Fairfax County Public Schools advisory committees  
-Scoutmaster

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Del. Tim Hugo and Loudoun Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Only 59% of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) seniors are prepared for college, and the percent prepared varies from 75% for Langley High School to 20% for Lee and Mt. Vernon High Schools. In a quarter of a century FCPS has made no progress in closing the minority student achievement gap: only 35% of Hispanic and 20% of African-American FCPS seniors are prepared for college. Even if you don't go to college, being prepared for college makes you better qualified for a good job. The solution is better instruction in the basics; not more money. As county chairman I would hold the school board accountable for achievement when the school board makes its annual \$2B budget request.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

The incumbent chairman:  
For 16 years has raised real estate taxes three times faster than household income, which is unaffordable, especially for seniors;  
Does not hold the schools accountable for achievement;  
Is indifferent to the disproportionate incarceration of Hispanics and African-Americans in the county jail;  
Sat silent for 17 months while the police department refused to disclose the details of the shooting of an unarmed civilian by a police officer on August 29, 2013;  
Neglected maintenance of the now unsafe and unreliable Metrorail system to build the Silver Line;  
Since 2000 cut staffing of libraries and parks by 112 positions while adding 145 clerks to handle public assistance applications, for a total of 354 public assistance positions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics job growth in Fairfax County was close to last of the 342 largest U.S. counties last year. I will grow jobs by cutting taxes; using the chairman's pulpit to advocate for higher achievement, including Hispanic and African-American achievement, through better curricula; being transparent; and making Metrorail repairs my highest transportation priority.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

For FY2017 the county and schools want to increase spending by \$240M while revenues are projected to increase only \$20M without a real estate tax hike. This predicament demonstrates the need for new leadership. Seventy percent of the spending increase is for raises (3.5% for county and 4% for school employees), Cadillac health plans, and pensions with retirement at 55. My opponent would raise real estate taxes 9%, pushing the typical homeowner's real estate tax from \$5,700 to \$6,200. She raised real estate taxes 8% last year. For 16 years the supervisors have been increasing taxes three times faster than household income. Since 2000, while school enrollment has increased 22%, the school budget increased 100%. County and school spending for health and pension benefits increased \$700M since 2000; that is \$400M more than needed to keep up with inflation, population, and enrollment. For 16 years the average annual raise for 30,000 county and school employees has been 4%. To pay for these raises and benefits, the supervisors have been increasing real estate taxes three times faster than household income. The revenue from the tax hikes was not enough to pay for the raises and benefits, so park and library staffing was cut and class sizes increased. And now teachers and police cannot afford the \$6,000 real estate taxes that were increased to pay for their own raises and benefits. To make Fairfax County affordable again, we need to cut taxes by reducing benefits and giving smaller raises, as is the case with private-sector employees.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I can retire and be a full-time chairman.



# Candidates for Dranesville District Supervisor

## Jennifer Chronis (R)

**Town of residence:** Great Falls  
**Age:** 48  
**Family:** Husband: Brian Dickson; Stepson: Riley Dickson, Stepdaughter: Jordan Principe  
**Education:** BS, Commerce, University of Virginia  
**Offices held, dates:** N/A  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Vice President, IBM; Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), US Army; Board of Directors, Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association, Washington DC Chapter; Information Technology Fellow, American Council for Technology-Industry Advisory Council  
**Community involvement:** Northern Virginia Literacy Council Volunteer Tutor  
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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Congressman Frank Wolf, Congressman Tom Davis, Congresswoman Barbara Comstock



27%, when we are keeping our teachers' salaries practically flat. This is not what I learned as leadership in my military and business career and I will make better decisions for Dranesville residents.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

My top priority is to ensure that our schools remain the best in the country. I will work closely with the School Board to focus resources on students and teachers first. We need to reduce administrative costs and invest more in our teachers, as many of our best teachers are departing Fairfax for neighboring school systems that offer higher salaries.

My second priority is to strengthen the County's fiscal and economic health. The Board has continuously raised property taxes, to compensate for weakness in our commercial property market. We must fill the 19 million square feet of empty office space in the County to grow our commercial tax revenue and relieve the tax burden on homeowners. We must make the County more business-friendly by streamlining our permitting and regulatory processes and partnering with our EDA to attract new industries like cybersecurity, healthcare, and IT to the County.

Finally, I will apply commercial best practices to county spending. We must consider implementation of shared services for administrative functions like HR, IT, finance, accounting, and contracting between the County and FCPS. Secondly, we must closely examine our pension system for new employees to determine the most financially viable system for the future. We should also consider eliminating duplicative functions; for example, Fairfax County is the only county in Virginia to operate a Consumer Affairs division, which largely replicates what the State Agency does. Responsibly managing the County's resources is a critical responsibility for our Board of Supervisors. Doing so more effectively requires fundamental changes to the way the County manages its budget. I would implement outcome-based program reviews every two years for all county programs.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I will be a full-time Supervisor. I will devote all of my talents to the residents of Dranesville.

## John Foust (D)

**Incumbent**  
**Town of residence:** McLean  
**Age:** 64  
**Family:** Married to Dr. Marilyn Jerome Foust. We have two sons, Matthew and Patrick  
**Education:** BA in Economics (Univ. of Pittsburgh); Master's degree in Business Administration (W.Va. College of Graduate Studies); Law degree (George Washington Univ.)  
**Offices held, dates:** Dranesville District Supervisor, January 2008 to Present.  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Current: full-time County Supervisor. Prior: 30 years in private law practice and 8 years as investment analyst with large public utility.  
**Community involvement:** Current: County Supervisor since 2008 working 60 to 80 hours per week to represent my community. Prior: McLean Citizens Association (President); Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (Legislative Committee Chair); Fairfax County Medical Care for Children Partnership Advisory Council (Advocacy Committee Chair); Cub Master of Cub Scout Pack 1134 (4 years); Chairman of the Change District of the Boy Scouts of America (3 years); McLean Planning Committee (President); Member of two Citizen Advisory Committees to the Fairfax County School Board; Youth Soccer Coach; Timberly South Homeowners Association Board Member.  
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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax Education Association ("Teacher Endorsed"); Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's NOVABIZPAC; Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics.



their lives, and deliver great results for them. I have a track record of working to strengthen, diversify and grow our local economy; fund essential services in a fiscally responsible manner; support our schools; and, deliver real transportation solutions like Dulles Rail and Route 7 widening. This election should not be about

partisan agendas and political ambitions. It should be about who has the best record serving our community. Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools face serious challenges. We need proven leaders who listen to their constituents and deliver results for them. I have proven that I am that leader.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

Budgets should reflect a community's priorities. Education funding has been the community's, and our Board's, number one funding priority — 53% of the County's budget funds our schools.

During my 8 years in office, I have handled the significant fiscal challenges caused by a terrible recession as well as significant state and federal budget cuts. As Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee and Vice-chairman of the Board's Budget Committee, I have saved us millions in spending and made government more efficient and accountable to taxpayers. I kept the tax burden on homeowners affordable while protecting the County's Triple A bond rating and ensuring that critical programs and services, like education and public safety, are funded.

I am Chairman of the Board's Economic Advisory Commission. To increase County revenues, I am working with the County's partners in the business community, civic leaders, academia, non-profits and regional partners to implement the County's strategic plan for economic success. As a Board, we are also working to generate more revenue for the County by advocating for the County's fair share from the state.

Regarding possible cuts, since the recession in 2008, the Board of Supervisors has cut many costs and increased efficiencies in county government. The School Board has done the same for the schools. Going forward, our best opportunities for significant additional cost savings will require both Boards working together to consolidate support functions found in both county and school departments. I have specific proposals to consolidate and cut costs by sharing systems for Human Services, computer operations and IT support, social work, mental health services, building maintenance, capital projects and transportation services.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

None.

### QUESTIONS

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Public service is central to my life. I served my Country and my community as a US Army officer for 21 years. As Supervisor, I look forward to continuing my life of service. Our greatest challenge in Fairfax County is the need for stronger fiscal management and prioritization of our County's resources. With property tax increases of nearly 17% in the last three years alone, over \$200M in projected 2017 deficits (\$100M in FCPS), and an economy that saw only .4% job growth in 2014, we face serious challenges to sustain our quality of life. Our Board needs strong leaders with business experience who can make tough decisions about how to prioritize spending while also growing our economy. I have both the military leadership and business experience to bring people together to address these challenges, and to hold the County and Board accountable for executing on actions and programs that deliver tangible results.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I am a military leader who knows how to make tough decisions, put the needs of others before my own, and get things done. I am also a business executive who understands the importance of achieving financial targets and delivering value for every tax dollar. I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board and a business-minded approach to solving our greatest challenges and ensuring that we deliver measurable results for taxpayers. Unlike my opponent, I would not have voted for tax increases amounting to 17% over the last three years while also underfunding our schools by \$100 million. And I would not have voted to increase my own pay by

## Election Day Nov. 3

Election Day is Nov. 3, and on that day, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. In-person absentee voting is underway. Virginia Law allows voters to absentee vote if they could be "working and commuting for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day." You're allowed to count your worst possible commute in estimating how many hours you might be working and commuting on Election Day.

On Election Day, Nov. 3, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Each voter in Fairfax County can make choices in one State Senate district, one House of Delegates district, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, District member of the Board of Supervisors, three members of the School Board At Large, one District member of the School Board, Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for 3), School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

## Voter Identification

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## School Board Candidates for Dranesville District

### Pete Kurzenhauser



**Town of residence:** Great Falls  
**Age:** 58  
**Family:** Pete and his wife have lived in Great Falls for 20+ years. Their children attend Langley HS.  
**Education:** U.S. Naval Academy '79 (mechanical engineering). US Naval Aviation School, 1980-81. Numerous continuing engineering education and professional education courses and seminars.  
**Offices held, dates:** No previous elected offices

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Several decades of managing programs and working with budgets in Dept. of Defense, US Intelligence Community, and corporations.

**Community involvement:** Youth sports coach, Boy Scout Troop 673, Great Falls Citizens Assn., McLean Citizens Assn., Great Falls Freedom Memorial, FCPS parent volunteer, Haddad Youth Ballet, Great Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

**Website:** <http://kurzenhauserforschoolboard.nationbuilder.com>

**Email address:** [PeteKforSchoolBoard@gmail.com](mailto:PeteKforSchoolBoard@gmail.com)

**Twitter handle:** None

**Name three favorite endorsements:** Class Size Counts; Steve Stuban, chair of the task force to revise the FCPS Student Rights & Responsibilities; supported by Congresswoman Barbara Comstock and retired Congressman Frank Wolf.

#### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I decided to run for the school board because I have children in school and have seen trends over the past 10 years that threaten the quality of education delivered by FCPS. Those include very large class sizes and excessive teacher turnover due to low pay and working conditions. I also was inspired by my AP Chemistry and AP Physics teacher at Fort Hunt High School, here in Fairfax County, 40 years ago. Like Colonel Jacoboski, I spent several decades serving our nation in the military and intelligence community. I now want to continue serving our republic in a different but equally important way — by ensuring that our public schools continue to prepare students for not just college, but also their adult lives and the responsibilities of citizenship.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?** I will ensure that all students in the Dranesville District get their fair and equitable share of FCPS resources. For over 20 years, the incumbent has voted for budgets that short-change the bulk of the students in our district, despite being a member and chairman of the audit or budget committees for nearly all that time. We have ended up with the largest

class sizes in the county. She started as an at-large School Board member in the 1990s, and she never made the transition to representing the people of this district. In contrast, I have worked with corporate and federal agency financial and budget documents for decades, and I

understand that getting a fair allocation of the budget requires fighting for it. I will have no difficulty parsing FCPS financial reports and budget documents quickly and asking incisive questions. That's what this district, and the School Board, needs.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?** The economic differences across the county are outside the control of FCPS. The county and state must improve economic growth and make Fairfax more attractive to businesses. FCPS can contribute by delivering well-educated and well-trained graduates to those businesses.

**4. How will you address the achievement gap?** Despite decades of our best efforts and large expenses, gaps between low-SES and high-SES students stubbornly persist. Unfortunately, most critical factors that influence achievement lie outside the school house. Schools will continue to engage parents as much as possible and provide extra services to students in need, but wisdom indicates that fixing the root causes of low achievement goes beyond the scope and charter of FCPS. These problems must be tackled by county and state polices and programs.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?** This needs much more response than the 500 word limit set for this questionnaire. However, we should first start by using the \$158M surplus cash in the operating budget carried forward from previous years. This can fund several years of "budget gaps" before we need to take actual cuts in expenses, and will give more time for economic recovery and business growth, which are absolutely necessary for long term budget stability.

**6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?** More than half the taxes collected in the county go to FCPS. However, a reputation for excellent schools significantly increases property values. FCPS provides an increase in value in return for those taxes.

### Janie Strauss



**Incumbent**  
**Town of residence:** McLean  
**Age:** 68  
**Family:** Mother of 4 FCPS graduates, grandmother of 2 current FCPS students, mother-in-law of an FCPS teacher  
**Education:** BA (GWU), Master of Arts in Teaching (Harvard)

**Offices held, dates:** School Board member At-Large, 1991-1993, Dranesville representative, 1996 to present  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** former elementary teacher, PTA president, president of the FCCPTA, board chair, The Country Day School, board chair, The Cappies (a high school theater and journalism program)

**Community involvement:** McLean Project for the Arts, Healthy Families Fairfax

**Website:** [www.janiestrauss.com](http://www.janiestrauss.com)

**Email address:** [jkstrauss@cox.net](mailto:jkstrauss@cox.net)

**Twitter handle:**

**Name three favorite endorsements:** Democratic Party, Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Federations of Teachers 10

#### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Our investment and oversight of our public schools is critical to the future success of our children our county, our state and indeed, our nation. With the challenges facing the next generation — from global instability and an integrated global economy to climate change and energy sustainability — our children's education is more important than ever. We must keep our highly regarded public schools strong. We must improve teacher pay, reduce class size, close achievement gaps, and emphasize high-level thinking, literacy and communication skills. We must maintain our rigorous programs for ALL students in the STEM fields, the arts, humanities and athletics. While we must continuously evaluate programs shedding what is no longer needed or effective, we must understand how to prepare our children for their future. Their success will come not from what they know but what they can do with what they know.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have spent 40 years in the field of education. I understand teaching and learning, the use new research, budget prioritization, and the changes needed to prepare our children for success in a high tech globalized world.

#### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

All schools regardless of the socio economic background of the surrounding community must have the needed resources to sustain high standards, employ excellent teachers and offer

all students a rigorous well rounded, rich curriculum. We must also urge the Board of Supervisors to avoid as much as possible, housing patterns that tend to over-concentrate high poverty in certain regions.

#### 4. How will you address the achievement gap?

Our schools must provide the expectation and needed resources for all children to succeed. We must continue weighted staffing formulas, provide targeted help to teachers, and insure all students are taught a rigorous well rounded rich curriculum. We must expand community-wide initiatives such as Communities at Hope in Herndon and Opportunity Neighborhoods in Mt. Vernon and Reston and continue the county/schools coordination of social services that provides wrap around help for families.

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The priorities must be improving teacher salaries, lowering class size in non-Title 1 schools and maintaining our rigorous well rounded programs for all students. We must work collaboratively with the Board of Supervisors to understand total county needs, listen carefully to citizen input and continuously look for efficiencies and cost savings. I agree with Supervisor John Foust that school needs must be considered at the very beginning of budget planning rather than toward the end in March/April when adjustments are limited and difficult.

#### 6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Good schools sustain property values, attract businesses and jobs to the county which can increase the percent of commercial real estate and decrease the county's reliance on residential real estate for county revenues.

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