

Candidate	Sarah White
Office Sought	Delegate, HD 53
1) Will you co-sponsor or sign legislation making permanent the requirement in Senate Bill 1303 that public school districts provide all students who wish to access in-person learning with in person education equivalent to the commonwealth’s required number of instructional hours?	Yes
2) The Virginia Department of Education (“VDOE”) earlier this year proposed to phase out advanced math for certain students until 11th grade. Under this proposal, students would no longer have access to traditional specialized math classes such as Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry in middle school/early high school. Do you agree with this plan?	No
3) Do you support “test-to-stay” efforts to limit the amount of classroom learning lost due to the quarantining of healthy children, e.g., by testing children identified as potential close contacts and then letting them return to school if they test negative?	Yes
4) Thanks to the large military presence in Virginia, many local school districts receive substantial amounts of Federal Impact Aid funding. However, many service members report that these funds are just absorbed into their school district’s general budget, rather than being used for supplemental programming, academic and socio-emotional supports military children are supposed to receive as a condition of those funds. How will you work to ensure that Impact Aid reaches military children and supports their highly transient lifestyle by making sure they are properly placed in Advanced, General and Special Education?	It is important to have oversight when funds are allocated to ensure they are being used in the way they were intended. Our military families sacrifice the ability to stay in one place and children are affected in many ways by these moves. We need to make sure that we mitigate this whenever possible by getting them into the appropriate curriculums.

<p>5) Describe your philosophy for expanding opportunities for all Virginia children to have access to pre-K education.</p>	<p>It is important for all children to have quality education and childcare beginning at an early age. I will advocate for this to begin at age 2. It will not only give our children a head start on their education but also help parents who must struggle for childcare so that they can work.</p>
<p>6) VDOE dismisses special education complaints without investigating them at twice the national average rate, and they are three times less likely to rule in the student's favor than the national average. How would you reform VDOE to ensure that special education students' rights were respected?</p>	<p>All complaints should be taken seriously. Our special education students' complaints must be investigated to determine validity and find solutions.</p>
<p>7) FCPS recently revised the admissions policy at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology to move away from admissions based mostly on academic merit and to partly consider socioeconomic backgrounds of students. Do you agree with this new admissions policy?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>8) With the rise of parent scrutiny over school systems, systems have responded by further limiting opportunities for members of the public to participate at public meetings. How will you allow parents to have a greater voice in the public school system?</p>	<p>Silencing people you disagree with is unacceptable. We need to focus on parents, teachers, and students. School Boards and teachers' unions are causing divisive political agendas to rule. Let's trust the people that are with the children the most to work together in the best interest of those children. We also need school choice. If you feel your child isn't getting the best education for them, you should have the option to move them somewhere else.</p>
<p>9) Do you support calling for political parties, including your own, to refrain from endorsing candidates running in nonpartisan school board elections?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>10) Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the parents in Fairfax County?</p>	<p>Parents should have a voice in the schools, and I appreciate the fierce way parents have fought for that right over the past two years. I look forward to working with the parents to restore their right to speak at school board meetings, to have a say in their child's education, and have access to the education Virginia students deserve.</p>