

FCPA FAIRFAX COUNTY PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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Candidate	Julie Perry
Office Sought	Delegate, HD 86
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?	The state needs to create a specific audit program to track the spending and chart the success of that spending.

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<p>5) Describe your philosophy for expanding opportunities for all Virginia children to have access to pre-K education.</p>	<p>Let's keep the government out of pre-K education as much as possible.</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>By working alongside the families that are filling these complaints in a cooperative relationship instead of a combative one.</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>The code of Virginia specifically states that parents are to be involved in their child's education. I won't roll that back at all. As for limiting parental involvement at public meetings, the localities need to follow the rules for public comment and sunshine laws. Parents need to be heard, but the state can't really step in and dictate procedures to the localities. At the General Assembly, I will make myself available as much as possible to hear the concerns of my constituents.</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>No</p>
<p>10) Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the parents in Fairfax County?</p>	<p>I am public school history teacher. I am running because the education policies that are coming from the state Department of Education, which are backed by Democratic majority in the General Assembly, do not reflect the values of Virginia's communities.</p>