

ANNOUNCEMENT

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New Nonpartisan Parents Organization Seeks to Get Politics out of Education

After a year of grassroots advocacy under the OpenFCPS banner, parents have incorporated the Fairfax County Parents Association (“FCPA”) to continue the nonpartisan work that began with advocating for in person learning consistent with health expert guidance. Parents came together in June 2020 to advocate for their children when it became apparent that the school board prioritized politics over education in Fairfax County. Parents learned that politics had dominated the selection of leaders in the public school system and guided decisions contrary to the mental health and academic needs of students. Parents are encouraged to visit our website and register to receive updates and membership information: FairfaxParents.org.

The Fairfax County Parents Association seeks to ensure students are the first priority in Fairfax County Public Schools. This is accomplished by educating parents about the governance and administration of the school system and empowering parents to advocate on behalf of their children. The FCPA seeks to ensure the school board is governed in accordance with the law, specifically that the roles are non-partisan. The FCPA will work to support teachers and staff of the school system to aid their efforts to educate our children.

The FCPA’s policy decisions will be governed by a 50/50 bipartisan policy committee, ensuring that members from both sides of the political spectrum have input on positions taken by the organization. Parents in the FCPA will prioritize children over any other political agenda. The FCPA relies exclusively on volunteer parents and will not be funded by any political party or political committee.

The FCPA will include subcommittees on various topics important to our children’s education, including special needs, military families, English learners, advanced academics, diversity and inclusion, athletics, and more as the organization continues to grow. Our hope is that next time the school system is facing a crisis like it did during the pandemic, children will have an organized non-political voice and be heard.

We encourage all residents of Fairfax County, but especially parents, to stay informed and sign up for communications from the FCPA, including how to join: FairfaxParents.org