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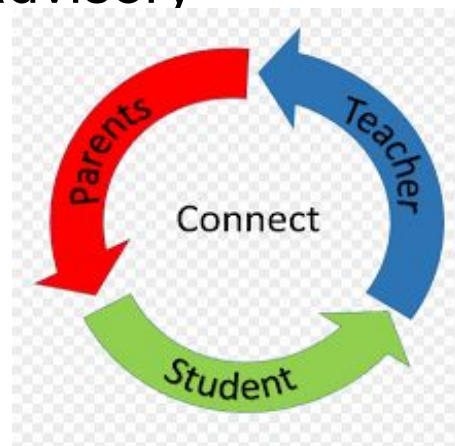
**OAK HILL ES PTA
DISCUSSION & SCHOOL
BOARD UPDATES**

Sully District Representative
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Goals



- Give you the bigger picture impacts & upcoming issues that will affect students at your school.
- Informed & involved community – ensure that community voices are heard & build an effective partnership to achieve quality public education
- Establish regular 2-way communication
- Address PTA concerns, get parent feedback on school policies and the community's education needs
- Invite PTA representatives to sit on special advisory committees



FY24 FCPS PROPOSED BUDGET

- The Proposed \$3.5 Billion dollar budget includes innovative investments that close the achievement gap for all students include:
 - Equitable access to literacy.
 - Increased access to PreK programming.
 - Supports for students with special education needs.
 - Funding for students in Advanced Academic Programs.
 - Changing student enrollment needs.
 - Increase in student and family supports, including access to middle school athletic opportunities that support student well-being.
- Focuses on attracting and retaining teachers and staff (including a market scale adjustment and step increases for eligible employees).
- You may [watch the FY24 Proposed Budget presentation](#) on YouTube. I also encourage you to stay up-to-date on the budget process and opportunities to make your voice heard by visiting FCPS' [Budget webpage](#).
- The [Sully District Budget Town Hall](#) with Supervisor Smith is held annually to inform Sully District residents about the county's annual budget process, and to answer related questions from the community. Broadcast will be livestreamed on Channel 16 on **Thursday, March 2 at 6 p.m.**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- The School Board unanimously approved an annual update to the [Fiscal Year 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\)](#).
- One of the CIP issues I have highlighted during my School Board tenure is the overcrowding of several high schools our district's students attend and the need to alleviate that burden. Last year, we took an important step forward towards the **future Western High School** (planned for Sully District). [My follow-on motion](#) directed staff to contract a firm for school site acquisition and bring options back to the Board to be included in this year's CIP. While the contracted work has started, it was not completed by the directed deadline. This project will provide capacity relief for the overcrowding issues we face in our high schools in Sully District and has been approved by voters as part of many previous School Bond Referendums
- You can [access the proposed CIP document through the FCPS CIP webpage](#) or go [directly to the proposed CIP Plan here](#).

SULLY DISTRICT – RENOVATION LIST

- Several of the schools that Sully District students go to our have recently been renovated, are under renovation, or in the process to begin soon. Renovations at Rocky Run and Hughes MS, Oakton HS and Sunrise Valley ES have been completed while Oak Hill, Brookfield, Lees Corner are in progress. The complete list of renovation status of our schools can be seen here.

SCHOOL NAME	RANK	PROJECT STATUS
SUNRISE VALLEY ES	3	Completed
ROCKY RUN MS	26	Completed
OAKTON HS	30	Completed
HUGHES MS	31	Completed
FOX MILL ES	38	In Construction
OAK HILL ES	39	In Construction
CROSSFIELD ES	42	In Permitting
BROOKFIELD ES	47	In Planning/Design
LEES CORNER ES	48	In Planning/Design
CENTREVILLE HS	51	In Planning/Design
CUB RUN ES	54	Not Funded
FRANKLIN MS	55	Not Funded
UNION MILL ES	56	Not Funded
CENTRE RIDGE ES	57	Not Funded
POPLAR TREE ES	58	Not Funded
WAPLES MILL ES	59	Not Funded
VIRGINIA RUN ES	63	Not Funded

SY23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Development of a school calendar requires the careful balance of many factors, prioritizing instruction. Community input is critical to this process, and we appreciate our community for being involved in the [calendar development process](#).
- The Fairfax County School Board approved a calendar for the [2023-24](#), [2024-25](#), and [2025-26](#) school years at our February 9 meeting. Learn more about the [approved calendar](#).
- The first day of the **2023-24** school year will be **Monday, August 21**, and the last day will be **Wednesday, June 12**.
- Because the calendar presented for the Board's vote did not align with the feedback I received from the Sully District community, I did not vote in support of the amended BLUE calendar. However, the calendar did pass with a vote of 7-5.

STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY FORUMS

- **Developing a new Strategic Plan:** Similar to a roadmap, a strategic plan clearly defines the best route for us to take in the years ahead to reach our goals. The Board passed a motion last Fall to direct the Superintendent to re-engage with the community to develop a new strategic plan.
- Thank you to everyone who has participated in the 12 community strategic planning forums we have hosted to date! Three additional community forums are planned for mid-late March.
- Our students are preparing for careers that don't exist today. In order to keep pace with these needs, we need to rethink our plans for the future - and how we will best serve our students for this new era.
- The Core Planning Team will now be developing the first draft of the goals, measures, and pillars for our strategic plan. All educators will have an opportunity to also provide feedback in the weeks ahead on the draft work to date.
- We welcome all parents, students, staff, and community members to provide input in the Let's Talk Strategic Plan Feedback form [here](#). Strategic planning materials continue to be updated on the [Strategic Planning website](#).

ESSER III FUNDING UPDATE

- The School Board approved a \$188.6 million spending plan for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) grant funds last year.
- The majority of the ESSER III spending (82%) addresses learning loss and student academic, social, emotional, and mental (wellness) health needs. The remaining funds will be used for prevention and mitigation strategies and other uses such as communication, technology, transportation, program management, and school monitors. [Visit BoardDocs for a complete update on ESSER III](#)
- Our schools are receiving a portion of ESSER funding to support unfinished learning and student wellness. Each school has submitted a School Improvement and Innovation Plan (SIIP) which has been reviewed and approved by region and ESSER leadership teams.
- If you are looking for additional school information or need to review a school plan in another language, please contact your school's principal. [Read your school's plan online](#)

POLICY INITIATIVES

- ❑ **Eliminating Opportunity Gaps in Reading:** Adopted a systemic, research and science-based approach for literacy instruction to ensure success for all students.
- ❑ **Increasing Outdoor and STEM Experiential Learning Opportunities:** Increased funding for Get2Green, aimed at creating outdoor student engagement experiences that reinforce environmental sustainability and stewardship goals, as well as motivation and joy of learning.
- ❑ **School Food & Nutrition Policy:** Proposed that the School Board create a comprehensive School Food and Nutrition Policy to ensure all students have access to freshly prepared, appealing, nutritious, locally sourced, and culturally-inclusive meals that nourish their minds and physical wellbeing. Will be discussed as a Forum topic for discussion on March 7.
- ❑ **Preventing Gun Violence:** Directed staff to review all curriculum, safety protocols, and professional development around gun violence prevention and to notify parents annually about their legal obligation to store their guns securely. We also extended gun prohibitions from schools to ALL system property as well, including buildings like those that house our school board and superintendent.

Preparing Families for Difficult Conversations about Alcohol and Drugs

- The FCPS Student Safety and Wellness Office, along with each pyramid's Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist (SAPS), will be presenting an in-person, adult-only panel discussion designed for parents/caregivers of students in 5th grade through high school.
- Receive basic information about alcohol, nicotine, cannabis, and opioids; learn what caregivers can do; and identify and connect with community resources.
- Centreville + Mountain View Pyramid - Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m @ Centreville Lecture Hall.
- Oakton Pyramid - Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.@ Oakton Lecture Hall 2240/2242.
- Annandale + TJHSST Pyramid - Monday, March 6, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Annandale Library 131.

Parent Resources

[Healthy Minds Podcast](#) Hear about how we are all handling uncertainty; get new ideas to help your child, friends and families feel better; and learn to help yourself feel stronger and more energized

[Student Wellness: Tips and Strategies](#) Feeling super stressed? Worried about a friend's mental health—or your own? Get tips to help manage your emotions and see what to do if you are in crisis.

[Mental Health and Resiliency](#) Helping students to manage stress, make better choices, and develop healthy habits.

[FCPS Parent Resource Center](#) Staff is available by phone [703-204-3941](tel:703-204-3941) or email prc@fcps.edu to help! Offers free workshops, consultations, a lending library, and more to help adults support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs and disabilities.

Multicultural and Language Resources for Families

The Office of Family and School Partnerships would like to remind families of some of the resources available to them:

- Bilingual [community liaisons](#) support student registrars by providing families with information about school and community services offered in Fairfax County. Liaisons are available to help families speaking Spanish, Korean, and Arabic. Once registered at a school, families can contact their [family liaison](#) for assistance.
- [Early literacy programs](#) are available to Fairfax County residents for parents of children up to 5 years old. These programs help prepare children for school and build confidence in parents as their child's first teacher. They also help parents become active partners in their child's education. Programs are available in African-Heritage, Arabic, Spanish, and Korean.

Multicultural and Language Resources for Families

- [Parent Information Phone Lines](#) are available in eight languages for parents who speak languages other than English.
- A [Multilingual Family Podcast](#) is produced by the offices of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Family and School Partnerships, and Professional Learning and Equity. It covers important information for parents in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Korean.
- [ESOL services](#) are available in Fairfax County for students as well as [adults](#). Information on spring classes will be posted in March 2023.
- Additional resources are available on the [Family Engagement webpage](#).

Upcoming Board Meetings

- February 23 at 7:00 pm - Regular Meeting: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Advertised Budget
- February 28 at 11:00 am - Work Session: Collective Bargaining
- March 7 at 1:00 pm - Work Session: Policy Governance
- March 9 at 7:00 pm - Regular Meeting: Collective Bargaining

Visit the [citizen participation webpage](#) to sign up to speak at a regular meeting or public hearing.

Visit [BoardDocs](#) for more meeting logistics, agendas and handouts.

The meetings are broadcast live on Channel 99 (Verizon channel 11) and on the [FCPS website](#).

The meetings are recorded for future viewing and posted to the [FCPS School Board YouTube page](#).

Contacting me

- To contact me, it is most helpful if you can please use the official School Board contact form. This form prioritizes emails to me from constituents and helps me track communication so I can be sure you receive a response.
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