Fairfax County School Board Legislative Committee

Work Plan 2026-2027

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Legislative Committee Responsibilities

The duties of the Fairfax County School Board (FCSB) Legislative Committee include the following activities during their service term.

- Schedule regular planning meetings with governmental affairs staff
- Collaborate with Board leadership and School Board Clerk to schedule Legislative Committee meetings of the whole;
- Participate in state and national legislative activities to acquire information, elevate advocacy for FCSB positions, and raise the Division;s profile;
- Serve as liaison between FCSB and external organizations and entities, including state and federal elected officials
- Develop close ties with state and federal lawmakers and their staff
- Provide legislative support materials and talking points to Board members to advance advocacy efforts

B. Planning Meetings

- Participants: Chair: R. Anderson, Vice-Chair: R McElveen, Staff: M. Molloy
- Schedule
  - January – March: Weekly
  - April: Bi-weekly
  - May – December: Monthly

C. Legislative Meetings [School Board Committee of the whole]

- Will be scheduled in collaboration with Board leadership
  - Initial Work Session (Fall)
  - Legislative Update discussion requiring board action (as needed)
  - Spring Work Session - to finalize program

D. Legislative Activity Participation

- COSSBA Federal Advocacy Conference - September 21-23, 2026 (Washington D.C.)
- VSBA Annual Conference - November 18-20 (Williamsburg)
- VSBA Legislative Conference - September 17 (Charlottesville) Michael, Ricardy, and Ryan to attend)
- COSSBA Legislative Conference - March 11-14 (Dallas)
- Richmond Legislative Days
- VSBA Weekly Legislative Updates - Every Friday: January – March

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II. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 2026 WORK PLAN PROPOSAL

- ➢ **Change the conversation**
  - Consider the legislative program a living document which may be updated as needed throughout the year (similarly to the Governance Manual).
- ➢ **Get on the offensive**
  - increases flexibility in adopting positions throughout the year, allowing the Board to be more responsive to emergent legislative activity.
- ➢ **Make the program work for lawmakers with limited time**
  - Consider greater specificity in legislative program language to support clearer feedback to lawmakers
  - Continue with formatting revisions to the legislative program to allow for easier access of information by lawmakers and the public.
- ➢ **Bring the public along**
  - Consider a legislative public hearing to gather input from the public.

A. Initial School Board Work Session (Fall)

Goals

- Improve alignment of the FCSB legislative work to the General Assembly activities;
- Strengthen FCSB relationship with local representatives;
- Establish relationships with other state elected officials;
- Increase FCSB profile in state and federal affairs; and
- Establish processes for ongoing advocacy

Meeting Objectives

- Provide consensus for the revised approach to theBoard's legislative work;
- Review 2026 state and federal activities and outcomes;
- Preview potential upcoming policy and budget issues;
- Discuss School Board legislative priorities;
- Discuss staff recommendations for Program revisions;
- Identify potential revisions to FCSB advocacy positions.

Activities

- Review 2026 General Assembly
- Discuss School Board member priorities

B. Fall Legislative Briefing

Objectives

- Learn about upcoming priorities of GA and Federal lawmaker
- Share FCSB Priorities to date and general information (FRM/Special/ELL)

Activities

- Schedule a Fall 2026 legislative update
- Consider a virtual meeting to be attended by legislative chair and vice-chair; Summary and/or recording to be provided to full board)

- Prioritize attendance of education and budget General Assembly Committee members
- Invite lawmakers to share their plans for the upcoming session

C. Spring Legislative Briefing

Objectives

- Present FCPS Legislative program and priorities
- Receive Updates from lawmakers about the previous sessions and learn about future legislative priorities.

Activities

- Schedule Spring 2027 Legislative Reception) to include presentation of Board's Legislative program
- Receive Updates from lawmakers about the previous sessions
- Prioritize education committee members' attendance

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III. LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR - 2026-2027 proposal

LC: Legislative Committee

September 2026	October 2026	November 2026	December 2026
☐ Initial Work Session (collect SBM priorities) ☐ LC Committee Meeting: Review Staff recommendation	☐ Fall Legislative Briefing – (virtual for state and federal lawmakers) ☐ Continued Collaboration efforts with lawmakers via regular meetings to provide feedback to their proposed bills and advocacy for FCSB positions.	☐ Take your legislator to Schools ☐ VSBA Annual conference	
Legislative Planning Meetings with Staff | Revise legislative program as needed Schedule Legislative Committee Meetings of the Whole as needed			
JANUARY 2027	**FEBRUARY 2027**	**MARCH 2027**	**APRIL 2027**
☐ Legislative Committee/staff Meetings ☐ LC monitoring of GA session activity and must provide regular reports to the School Board. ☐ LC gathers reports relevant federal activity to the School BoES ☐ VSBA Friday Legislative Updates	☐ VSBA Friday Legislative Updates	☐ VSBA Friday Legislative Updates ☐ Begin review of Legislative program	☐ Legislative Reception – includes opportunity for lawmakers to share session results
Legislative Planning Meetings with Staff | Revise legislative program as needed Schedule Legislative Committee Meetings of the Whole as needed			
MAY 2027	**JUNE 2027**	**JULY 2027**	**AUGUST 2027**
	Legislative Committee continue regular communication with lawmakers for advocacy of FCSB position and learn about their goals for the next session		
Legislative Planning Meetings with Staff | Revise legislative program as needed Schedule Legislative Committee Meetings of the Whole as needed			

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ACTIVITY TIMELINE: BY ORGANIZATION

	Fairfax County Public Schools	VSBA Events	General Assembly	Other
January		• Weekly Legislative Updates • VSBA Capital Conference	• GA Regular Session convenes (13) • Last day to file proposed Budget Amendments (15)	• BoS information
February		• Weekly Legislative Updates • VSBA Federal Advocacy Institute	• GA Legislative "Crossover" (10)	
March	• FCSB Work Session to finalize Legislative2027 Program	• Weekly Legislative Updates • VSBA Requests for Legislative Proposals		• Deadline for Governor's actions (amendments and vetoes) on GA-adopted legislation
April	• Legislative 2027 Program Reception			
May				
June		• VSBA Legislative Proposals open		
July				
August				
September	• Fall FCFSB Legislative Work Session • Fall Legislative Briefing	• VSBA Legislative Conference (17)		• COSSBA Federal Advocacy Conference

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October		• Take Your Legislator to Work		• BoS Legislative Program Public Hearing (13)
November		• VSBA Annual Conference	• Last day for GA committees to act on continued legislation from previous session (16)	
December				• BoS Legislative Committee (1) • BoS adoption of Legislative Program (8)

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IV. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Senate

Member	[redacted]	[redacted]
Senator Tim Kaine		
Senator Mark Warner		

House of Representatives

Member	Magisterial	[redacted]	[redacted]
Don Beyer - CD 8			
James Walkinshaw - CD 11			
Suhas Subramanyam - CD 10	Springfield Sully		

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Virginia Senate

Member	Magisterial	[redacted]	[redacted]
Jennifer D. Carroll Foy - District 33	Springfield		
Scott A. Surovell - District 34	Franconia		[redacted]
David W. Marsden - District 35	Mason Braddock Franconia Springfield		[redacted]
Stella G. Pekarsky - District 36	Sully Springfield		
Saddam Azlan Salim - District 37	Mason Springfield		
Jennifer B. Boysko - District 38			
Elizabeth Bennet-Parker - District 39			

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Virginia House of Delegates

Member	Magisterial	[redacted]	[redacted]
Charniele Herring - District 4	Mason		
Richard C. “Rip” Sullivan - District 6			
Karen Keys-Gamarra - District 7			
Irene Shin - District 8			
Karrie K. Delaney - District 9	Sully Springfield		
Dan Helmer - District 10	Sully Springfield		
Gretchen Bulova - District 11			
Holly Seibold - District 12			
Marcus B. Simon - District 13	Mason		
Vivian Watts - District 14	Mason Braddock		[redacted]

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Laura Jane Cohen - District 15	Braddock Springfield		
Paul E. Krizek - District 16	Franconia		[redacted]
Garrett McGuire - District 17	Franconia		
Kathy Tran - District 18	Braddock Franconia Springfield		[redacted]
Rozia Henson, Jr. - District			

General Assembly Education Committee Membership

SENATE	HOUSE
○ **Barbara Favola (Chair) - District 40** ○ *VanValkenburg, Schuyler (Public Education Subcommittee Chair) - District 16* ○ Christopher T. Head - District 3 ○ David Suetterlein - District 4 ○ Todd Pillion - District 6 ○ *Mark Peake - District 8* ○ Lashrecse D. Aird - District 13 ○ Lamont Bagby - District 14 ○ Louise Lucas - District 18 ○ *Christie New Craig - District 19* ○ *Mamie Locke - District 23* ○ Tara Durant - District 27 ○ Russett Perry - District 31 ○ ***Stella Pekarsky - District 36*** ○ **Jennifer Boysko - District 38**	○ *Sam Rasoul (Chair) - District 38* ○ *Shelly A. Simonds (Vice-Chair, K-12 Subcommittee Chair) - District 70* ○ ***Gretchen M. Bulova** - District 11* ○ Elizabeth R. Guzman - District 22 ○ Briana D. Sewell - District 25 ○ Atoosa R. Reaser - District 27 ○ Madison Whittle - District 49 ○ Eric Zehr - District 51 ○ Amy J. Laufer - District 55 ○ Thomas A. Garrett, Jr. - District 56 ○ Phillip A. Scott, - District 63 ○ *Hillary Pugh Kent - District 67* ○ *Jessica L. Anderson - District 71* ○ *Mike A. Cherry - District 74* ○ *Lindsey Dougherty - District 75* ○ *Rae C. Cousins - District 79* ○ *Destiny L. LeVere Bolling - District 80* ○ Delores L. McQuinn - District 81 ○ Nadarius E. Clark - District 84 ○ *Alex Q. Askew - District 95* ○ Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler - District 96 ○ *Anne Ferrell H. Tata - District 99*

Members in Italics are on the Public Education or K-12 Subcommittees

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General Assembly Finance Committee Membership

SENATE: Finance and Appropriations Committee	HOUSE Appropriations Committee
• Louise Lucas (Chair) - District 18 • Mark D. Obenshain - District 2 • Todd E. Pillion - District 6 • R. Creigh Deeds - District 11 • Lashrecse D. Aird - District 13 • Lamont Bagby - District 14 • Aaron R. Rouse - District 22 • Mamie E. Locke - District 23 • Richard H. Stuart - District 25 • Ryan T. McDougle - District 26 • Bryce E. Reeves - District 28 • Jeremy S. McPike - District 29 • **Scott A. Surovell - District 34** • **Jennifer B. Boysko - District 38** • **Barbara A. Favola - District 40**	• Luke E. Torian (Chair) - District 24 • Betsy B. Carr (Vice Chair) - District 78 • **Charniele L. Herring - District 4** • Paul E. Krizek - District 16 • **Kathy Tran - District 18** • Josh Thomas - District 21 • Briana Sewell - District 25 • David Reid - District 28 • William Wiley - District 32 • Ellen H. McLaughlin - District 36 • Terry L. Austin - District 37 • James W. Morefield - District 43 • Amy Laufer - District 55 • Rodney Willett - District 58 • Scott Wyatt - District 60 • M. Keith Hodges - District 68 • Shelly Simonds - District 70 • Delores L. McQuinn - District 81 • Marcia S. Price - District 85 • C. E. Cliff Hayes - District 91 • Alex Askew - District 95 • Robert S. Bloxom - District 100

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COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Member	Magisterial District	[redacted]
Jeff McKay, Chairman	Countywide	
Rachna Sizemore Heizer	Braddock	
Walter Alcorn	Hunter Mill	
Jimmy Bierman	Dranesville	
Rodney Lusk	Franconia	
Andres Jimenez	Mason	
Dan Storck	Mount Vernon	
Dalia Palchik	Providence	
Pat Herrity	Springfield	
Kathy Smith	Sully	

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V. APPENDIX

Take your legislator to School

- November
- Recommended Activities
  - Review of Division Data: provided by LC
  - Review of Division priorities: provided by LC
  - Review of Magisterial School Data Overview: Sample provided by LC

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VI. QUICK LINKS

Reference Materials

- 2026 Legislative Agenda
- 2027 Draft Legislative Agenda
- **2026 Passed Bills Report**: Generated by FCPS Staff

Information Gathering Links

- Legislative Advocacy Issues