

**McLean Citizens Association
Resolution on Starting Date of School Year
February 2, 2005**

WHEREAS, local governance of school districts is granted by the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, local school boards, by their regular meetings and geographic situation are expedient methods for gathering community input, and are best positioned to make decisions on school calendars that meet the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in Virginia, local school boards must set the school calendar so that the first day students are required to attend is after Labor Day, and the State Board of Education may waive this requirement only after showing good cause; and

WHEREAS, an earlier starting date, before Labor Day, could provide students with more instructional time before the Virginia SOL tests; and

WHEREAS, an earlier starting date, before Labor Day, would better align the school calendar with various U.S. wide standardized testing periods, such as, AP and IB exams;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the McLean Citizens Association that we urge Virginia legislators to amend Code of Virginia 22.1-79.1 to grant local school boards the authority to determine start dates for the school year.

Senate of Virginia -- Fairfax County Delegation

Ken Cuccinelli, ken@Cuccinelli.com

Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, jdevolites@aol.com

Janet Howell, SenHowell@aol.com

William Mims, district33@sov.state.va.us

Jay O'Brien, district39@sov.state.va.us

Linda Puller, tpuller@aol.com

Richard Saslaw, vasenate35@aol.com

Patricia Ticer, patsy@tidalwave.net

Mary Margaret Whipple, district31@sov.state.va.us

Senate of Virginia -- Education and Health Committee (if not listed above)

Harry Blevins, district14@sov.state.va.us

Bill Bolling, district04@sov.state.va.us

John Edwards, district21@sov.state.va.us

Edward Houck, district17@sov.state.va.us

Benjamin Lambert, district09@sov.state.va.us

Louise Lucas, district18@sov.state.va.us

Stephen Martin, district11@sov.state.va.us

Stephen Newman, district23@sov.state.va.us

Russell Potts, district27@sov.state.va.us
Fred Quayle, district13@sov.state.va.us
Frank Ruff, district15@sov.state.va.us

Virginia House of Delegates -- Fairfax County Delegation

David Albo, dave@davealbo.com
Kristen Amundson, Del_Amundson@house.state.va.us
Vince Callahan, dcalla5475@aol.com
James Dillard, del_dillard@house.state.va.us
Adam Ebbin, info@adamebbin.com
Tim Hugo, del_hugo@house.state.va.us
Robert Hull, del_hull@house.state.va.us
Brian Moran, brian@brianmoran.com
Chap Petersen, chap@vadelegate.com
Ken Plum, kenplum@aol.com
Gary Reese, del_Reese@house.state.va.us
Tom Rust, trust@tomrust.org
James Scott, deljscott@aol.com
Stephen Shannon, del_Shannon@house.state.va.us
Mark Sickles, del_sickles@house.state.va.us
Marian Van Landingham, vadelmvl@aol.com
Vivian Watts, vwatts@erols.com

Virginia House of Delegates -- Education Committee (if not listed above)

Ken Alexander, Del_Alexander@house.state.va.us
Robert Bell, Del_Bell@house.state.va.us
Richard Black, Del_Black@house.state.va.us
Charles Carrico, Del_Carrico@house.state.va.us
Paul Councill, Del_Councill@house.state.va.us
William Fralin, Del_Fralin@house.state.va.us
Jeff Frederick, Del_Frederick@house.state.va.us
Phil Hamilton, Del_Hamilton@house.state.va.us
Benny Keister, Del_Keister@house.state.va.us
Steven Landes, Del_Landes@house.state.va.us
Scott Lingamfelter, Del_Lingamfelter@house.state.va.us
Melanie Rapp, Del_Rapp@house.state.va.us
John Reid, Del_Reid@house.state.va.us
James Shuler, Del_Shuler@house.state.va.us
Robert Tata, Del_Tata@house.state.va.us
Mitchell Van Yahres, Del_VanYahres@house.state.va.us
Jeion Ward, Del_Ward@house.state.va.us
Onzlee Ware, Del_OWare@house.state.va.us

Fairfax County School Board

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, pneichner@fcps.edu

Ilryong Moon, ilryong.moon@fcps.edu

Cathy Belter, catherine.belter@fcps.edu

Brad Center, brad.center@fcps.edu

Stu Gibson, stuart.gibson@fcps.edu

Steve Hunt, stephen.hunt@fcps.edu

Kaye Kory, kaye.kory@fcps.edu

Janet Oleszek, janet.oleszek@fcps.edu

Kathy Smith, kathy.l.smith@fcps.edu

Dan Storck, daniel.storck@fcps.edu

Janie Strauss, jane.strauss@fcps.edu

Tessie Wilson, tessie.wilson@fcps.edu

Ian Hurdle, ian.hurdle@fcps.edu

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent

Jack Dale, jack.dale@fcps.edu

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Gerry Connolly, chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov

Sharon Bulova, braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Joan DuBois, dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov

Michael Frey, sully@fairfaxcounty.gov

Penelope (Penny) Gross, mason@fairfaxcounty.gov

Kathy Hudgins, hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Gerry Hyland, mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dana Kauffman, leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov

Elaine McConnell, springfield@fairfaxcounty.gov

Linda Smyth, provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov