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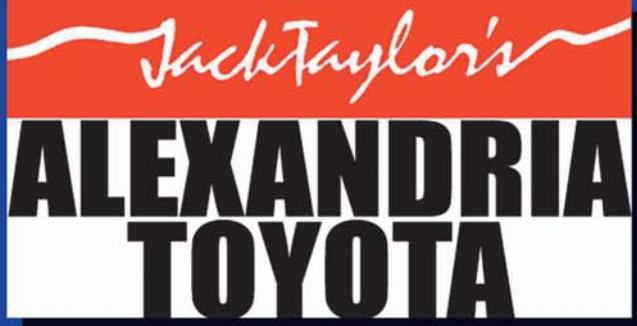
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FCPS Releases Its Recommendations

Clifton students would move to Fairview, Oak View and Union Mill next year.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools staff will present a final proposal for elementary school redistricting in the central and southwestern portions of the county to the local school board at a evening meeting on Jan. 20.

If implemented, the redistricting plan would change boundaries for 21 schools communities located in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Burke and Springfield. The school system would also spend \$15.1 million on building additions, interior school modifications and the relocation of modular classrooms at a handful of campuses, according to documents posted on the school system's website.

The School Board launched an elementary school boundary study for central and southwestern Fairfax in order to address severe overcrowding at schools serving the Route 29 area in Fairfax. Staff predicts Eagle View Elementary would reach 144 percent of its capacity and Greenbriar East would reach 124 percent of its capacity by 2015 if the School Board took no action.

The School Board has scheduled public hearings on the proposal for Feb. 7 and 8 at Jackson Middle School in Falls Church. It is schedule to vote on the boundary pro-

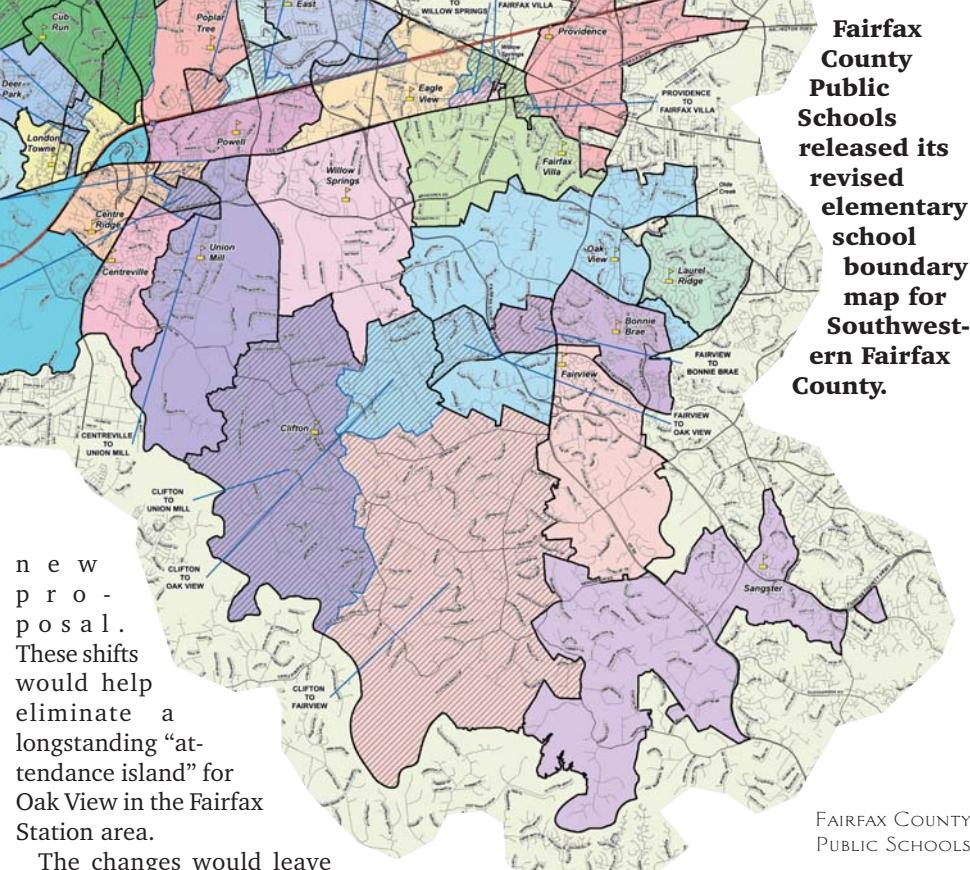
posal on Feb. 24.

The final recommendation is slightly different from the most recent iteration that was released in December, which staff had called "option d."

Under the proposal released this week, Clifton students — whose school is scheduled to close — would move to Union Mill, Fairview and Oak View elementary schools for the next school year. The previous recommendation had shown Clifton students attending Union Mill, Fairview and Sangster elementary schools. Now, Sangster would undergo no boundary changes at all.

"The projections don't show enough room at Sangster to make that work. There is a pretty large special education population. ... It is a little bit too full. We heard from the Sangster community that they were concerned about the space," said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

IN ADDITION TO Clifton, some students from Fairview Elementary School would also move to Oak View under the



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These shifts would help eliminate a longstanding "at- tendance island" for Oak View in the Fairfax Station area.

The changes would leave Oak View slightly over capacity next school year, with approximately 778 students in a building meant to hold 761 students, according to School Board documents about the boundary change. Fairview would be slightly underutilized, with 719 students remaining in a building that could

hold 748 students, according to the same documents.

Oak View's PTA president, Kristi Stoddard,

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Del. Watts Gives Governor's Speech Mixed Review

Springfield delegate criticizes McDonnell's proposal to borrow \$4B for traffic projects.

By LIZI ARBOGAST
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

RICHMOND — Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) of Fairfax County expressed mixed reactions to Gov. Bob McDonnell's (R) comments on the economy, transportation and other issues during his State of the Commonwealth Address.

Watts responded positively to the Republican governor's report of economic progress. In his speech Wednesday, Jan. 12, McDonnell said, "Since February 2010, Virginia has added 67,900 net new jobs, the third-highest number in the nation." Only Texas and Pennsylvania gained more jobs.

Watts applauded that.

"It certainly is good news that Virginia's job growth is robust," she said. "Third in the nation is definitely something that is critical for those in need of work as well as

for our whole economy, and this speaks volumes."

But Watts criticized McDonnell's proposal that the state borrow \$4 billion to pay for transportation projects over the next three years, such as the extension of HOV/HOT lanes on Interstates 95 and 395 and the widening of Interstate 66 in Northern Virginia.

Watts said she fears the governor's plan would use up Virginia's entire debt capacity for the next 25 years. She prefers to use tax revenues, instead of bonds, to pay for transportation projects.

"Bottom line: Keep Northern Virginia transportation revenue in Northern Virginia," Watts said. She is sponsoring legislation, House Bill 1892, to accomplish that goal.

"I have a comprehensive bill that builds on what we passed in 2007 but which the

Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional because of the way the taxes were enacted," Watts said. Her proposal would increase the sales tax in Northern Virginia by 0.5 percent, with the money dedicated to transportation projects in the region.

Besides regional funding, it's important that Northern Virginia receive its fair share of statewide gas tax revenues, Watts said. She said this would compensate Northern Virginia for the fact that many of the people who use the region's roads are from out of state.

On Friday, McDonnell took a step in that direction. He augmented his transportation plan to propose that 0.25 percent of the discretionary sales tax generated in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads be dedicated to transportation improvements in those regions. Del. Thomas Rust (R-86) will carry the governor's legislation. Rust represents parts of Fairfax and

Loudoun counties.

Besides transportation and job creation, McDonnell used his State of the Commonwealth Address to urge the General Assembly to "make college more affordable and accessible for our students." He noted that over the past decade, college tuition has doubled in Virginia.

"When I ran for governor, I pledged to create a pathway towards the issuance of 100,000 more degrees in the commonwealth over the next 15 years, with a focus on science, technology, engineering, math and health care, which lead to the good jobs of the future," McDonnell said.

"These new degrees will make Virginia one of the most highly educated states in the world."

Watts agreed that Virginia should put a

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Military Move Attracts New Office Park

Southeastern county has 7.5 million square feet of commercial space planned.

BY JULIA O'DONOCHUE
THE CONNECTION

A real estate developer intends to start construction next month on a new office park that would be located on the site of two vacant car dealerships near Backlick and Fullerton roads in central Springfield.

Corporate Office Properties Trust specializes in building space for federal government contractors, especially firms who work with the U.S. Department of Defense, said Rand Griffin, president and chief executive officer of the company.

The developer initially became drawn to the property, which overlooks Interstate 95, because of its proximity to the a new defense department complex on the former Engineer Proving Ground in Springfield. Approximately 8,500 workers must move to a new facility at that site off the by September as a result of U.S. Congress' decision on military base realignment and closures.

"That is our typical kind of tenant, the defense contractors that will service that facility," said Griffin.

The developer has approval to put in four new buildings with a total of a million square feet of new commercial space overall.

"We typically don't built speculatively, but there has been a lot of interest," Griffin said. "We have more proposals than the space can fit right now. Assuming we sign a few of those [companies], we would start build-



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOCHUE/THE CONNECTION

Developers will break ground on a new office park at the site of this vacant car dealership in central Springfield.

ing the second building right away."

According to the developer, the relocation of military and defense personnel to the Springfield area and Fort Belvoir would lead to the construction of high-end office space in other parts of central Springfield.

"Those contractors who work with the government need to relocate as close as possible to their client and there is not a lot of suitable property. We are one of the first to go at it and there is more demand than our space can satisfy," said Griffin.

The shift of Defense Department personnel, particularly the new facility at the Engineer Proving Ground site, may be just what was needed to spur a renaissance in central Springfield, said Gerald Gordon, president and chief executive officer of the Fairfax Economic Development Authority.

According to Gordon, approximately 7.5 million square feet of new development is in the pipeline for the southeastern portion of the county.

"[Base realignment] is the hook that Springfield never really had. The only thing Springfield had going for it before was its multimodal transportation network," said Gordon, who is responsible for attracting new business to Fairfax County.

"What Springfield hasn't had before is a primary employer to build a lot of industry in that area. There is a lot of spinoffs to something like this. You get a primary employer and then you get secondary jobs. Those are high-paying jobs in [the new defense facility]. There is going to be a demand for more upscale types of things," said Gordon.

"That is our typical kind of tenant, the defense contractors that will service that facility."

— Rand Griffin

With all the expectation of new development around the military installations, Springfield may physically look very different in just a handful of years.

"The momentum will grow. One morning, you are going to be driving through Springfield and think, 'Where did that come from?'" said Gordon.

SUPERVISOR JEFF MCKAY (D-Lee) agreed with Gordon, saying that he expected the new complex on the engineer proving ground site to transform Springfield. The community, which has been primarily residential, now has the chance to strengthen its standing in the business community.

"These people could have done anything on their sites but they decided to do office space because of [the new defense facility]," said McKay.

According to the supervisor, the Kingstowne developer has the ability to add 500,000 more square feet of space to the planned community. It had always been assumed that this extra density would be used for residential development, until recently. Now, people in the real estate market are showing more of an interest in putting office buildings in Kingstowne, said McKay.

"They really want more of an urban type development at the town center and they believe the can do office there now. That is a tell-tale sign of what is happening because [the military facility]," said McKay.

Hard Knock Show

Lake Braddock Theater students stage Broadway musical 'Annie.'

The students of the Lake Braddock Musical Theater are putting the final touches on their production of the musical "Annie." On Thursday, Jan. 13, actors were running through the show in their newly arrived costumes. A total of 90 students and one dog are involved in the production, as members of the cast, crew and pit orchestra. The show opens on Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lake Braddock Little Theatre at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Tickets are available online at www.lbmusical.webs.com and at the door. Shows are also on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sandy the dog is played by Brady, companion to Lake Braddock Secondary School staff member Judy Edwards. Annie is played by student Courtney Bradshaw. Director Mary Woods says that it took Brady a little while to get used to the commotion on the set, but has adjusted nicely.



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NEWS Governor

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new focus on the higher education. But she blamed state government for the financial pressures and tuition increases at public colleges and universities.

"Higher education for the better part of the decade has been cut back, and again, costs have been shifted to tuition," Watts said. "That has run its course."

Middle-class families especially have been pinched as college tuition has risen, said Watts, who has served in the House since 1996.

"If you're really poor, there's been assistance," she said. "But we haven't had that assistance grow as tuitions have increased."

Although McDonnell discussed higher education in his speech, he did not address kindergarten through high school. Watts blasted the second-year governor for that omission.

"To not mention public school funding at all — nothing about K-12 school needs — the cuts that were made last year in basic K-12 funding ... is very notable," she said. "I don't remember any other governor's speech not addressing education."

McDonnell delivered his 50-minute speech on the opening day of the General Assembly's 2011 session.

Watts said that during the session, her top priority for her constituents in Fairfax is "first, do no harm."

These are "obviously very challenging economic times," Watts said. She hopes to "help those who are hardest hit in the economy, whether it's foreclosure issues or whether it has to do with basic needs."

Watts said she also wants to adequately fund public schools so that children get a quality education and state officials "don't put a burden on the local taxes."

Watts will have a busy legislative session. She is the chief patron of 15 bills and resolutions and the co-sponsor of 22 other pieces of legislation. Her bills address issues ranging from highway maintenance to child pornography laws.

She also plans to continue her advocacy for mental health services, especially for veterans who have suffered trauma and brain injury.

More

For the text and video of Gov. Bob McDonnell's State of the Commonwealth Address, visit www.governor.virginia.gov. For the Democratic Party's response, see <http://bit.ly/eP61vV>.

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OPINION

Transportation Plan without Substance

Say no to liquor plan, a giveaway to big business.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. It's a major component of consumer protection and something we try to teach our children.

So consider this quote from Gov. Bob McDonnell on his latest plan for transportation funding:

"I'm asking all of you to support a plan that pumps billions into roads, creates tens of thousands of new jobs, adds no new debt, starts work now, and doesn't raise taxes."

Lots of money, no debt, no taxes. Not likely.

In fact, the governor's plan would take existing revenue that is paying for existing costs, like public safety and education, and forcing reallocation to transportation.

The so-called privatization of the liquor business would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue that is currently being used for core state services, services that have already been cut to the bone. The one-time infusion of up to \$400 million (literally

not enough money to pay for a single new interchange on a highway) does not make up for the loss of revenue annually. Or the harm of possibly tripling the number of liquor stores in the state.

Who would benefit? Very large retailers who would get almost all of the licenses to sell liquor.

Fixing the transportation debacle in Virginia will require new revenue. Gov. McDonnell is more interested in saying that he cut the size of government and turned more business over to the private sector than a meaningful fix for transportation. Right now, his proposal is to take the insufficient amount of money being spent on education, public safety and the safety net and spend it on roads instead.

The result will be irreparable harm and not nearly enough money to improve roads and transit.

EDITORIALS

Our legislators in the Virginia General Assembly should just say no.

Judge the governor's proposal for yourself, read it at www.governor.virginia.gov/News under Jan. 14.

— MARY KIMM,

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Dogs and Cats, Parrots And Pigs, Spiders and Snakes

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Setting Priorities for 2011

County chairwoman outlines year ahead.

BY SHARON BULOVA
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

As we turn the page for the New Year, Fairfax County continues to face significant challenges. Our economy is on a slow road to recovery from the worst recession in decades. Residential and commercial property values are still too low, close to a thousand homeowners in Fairfax are still struggling with foreclosures and nearly 30,000 of our residents are unable to find work.

Despite these challenges, Fairfax County continues to be an exceptional place to live, work and play. We have taken advantage of some of the opportunities the economic downturn has presented. With the cost of construction at a record low, we have been able to realize long-term savings in our capital program for parks and schools. We have also made organizational changes and found efficiencies that have lowered the cost of providing services while keeping taxes affordable.

Work has begun on the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2012. As the effects of the Great Recession linger, we estimate a projected shortfall in our \$3.3 billion General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 of about \$50 million. Giving employees raises "as usual" would increase this shortfall by \$107 million — \$33 million for County workers and \$74 million for School employees.

When our Board adopts the budget in April, we will be investing in our community's priorities. The budget we adopt must be balanced and cannot include a deficit. As in past years, it is critical to have the community at the table with us as we consider funding decisions and I

look forward to working with my colleagues and constituents through another community engagement process.

A number of things will happen in Fairfax County during 2011 in addition to adopting the budget — some Supervisor districts will change, 13,000 Defense employees will move to Ft. Belvoir, and state and local elections will take place.

In addition to these items, I will be working toward achieving several goals for the year ahead. These goals deal with growth and redevelopment, energy efficiency, and sustainability, economic development, and transportation.

Fairfax County's future is in redevelopment. As Fairfax County continues to grow, it is important that we get it right by encouraging growth where it can be supported by mass transit in compact, walkable mixed use developments. This will allow growth to happen in a way that protects the environment, our older stable neighborhoods and offers another life style choice that is desirable for our residents through all chapters of life.

Our vision for transforming Tysons is a model for future smart growth in Fairfax County. Look for development to advance during the next year (as a result of Comprehensive Plan changes in Tysons, Merrifield, Springfield and other redeveloping parts of the county) that will contribute to that vision.

In 2011, I will make encouraging innovation and collaboration for energy that is clean, efficient, sustainable, secure and reliable a priority. Energy efficiency is critical for industry to remain competitive in Fairfax County. It is also the right thing to do. In November I began plans for a Private Sector Energy Task Force

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Get Involved In School Budget

To the Editor:

Recently, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack Dale presented the School Board with his proposal for next year's budget. The proposed \$2.2 billion budget outlines programs and services for our growing and increasingly diverse student population. It also includes funds to give eligible employees a step increase and a market scale adjustment after two years without any increase in compensation.

Our population will grow by a projected 2,120 students next year. We project that in

2012, one in four students will be eligible for free and reduced-price meals, a federal indicator of poverty — making that the fastest growing segment of our population. We expect to see a 15 percent increase in the number of students whose first language is not English. There will be increased costs to comply with the mandated online testing requirement for all students taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) tests.

We cannot meet the needs of our staff and students without adequate resources. That is why Superintendent Dale has included in his proposal a request to the Board of Supervisors for an increase of 3 percent, or \$48.8 million, in the transfer of funds over the FY 2011 level. This reflects a realistic set of needs.

Difficult times require difficult choices. The Fairfax County School Board has shown great fiscal responsibility during tough economic times. In the past three

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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

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Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. "The Heminges of Monticello" by Annette Gordon-Reed. Discussion will continue at February meeting. Adults. 703-971-0010.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Give and receive feedback in a supportive

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"Damn Yankees." 7 p.m. South County Secondary School Auditorium, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. A musical about a Washington Senators fan who makes a pact with the devil. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students. AJRose1@fcps.edu or 703-785-3082.

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Lorton. Northern Virginia Players present Roald Dahl's story of the famous candy maker. \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. 703-866-3546 or www.nvplayers.com.

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OPINION

Richmond Diary 2011

State senator faces busy first week of 2011 General Assembly session.

BY SEN. DAVE MARSDEN
D-37

This is the first of weekly reviews of activity in Richmond during this session of the General Assembly by State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37).

The most important event that triggers the start of the General Assembly session for me is the legislative forum held every year at the Fairfax County Government Center before the legislature convenes. Citizens address their state legislators on any issue of concern to them. The list of needs is staggering and sometimes heartbreakingly. The event is a humbling experience when you realize that you do not have the resources to address all of these concerns adequately.

On Monday, I arrived in Richmond to begin setting up our office. We are in Richmond for 45 days this session. My long-time roommate, Del. David Bulova (D-37), and I stay at the Richmond home of House Minority Leader Ward Armstrong (D-10) of Martinsville. Ward is an extraordinarily talented 20-year legislator who has been a great mentor to me.

On Tuesday, my legislative aide and I be-

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gan preparing the bills I am filing this year. A number of groups and members of the business community have approached me to sponsor bills for them, and I agreed to introduce a number of them based on importance. Senators are under intense pressure to sponsor legislation because House members are limited to 15 bills this year. I ended up submitting 23 bills, three Commending Resolutions and one budget amendment.

I also met with Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and the Public Safety Secretary Marla Decker regarding the most important issue I am dealing with this session. This is a budget amendment to study restructuring juvenile justice re-entry to save millions, reduce the size of government and put our young offenders in the best position to succeed and lead crime free lives. They were very receptive. More on this later.

On Wednesday, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling (R) gavelled us into session at noon. I took my seat next to Sen. George Barker (D-39), who is one of the smartest members of the Senate. When I was in the House of Delegates, David Bulova was my seatmate. I learned early in life that having close working relationships and friendships with brilliant people like George and David is the

best way to insure that you make the best decisions possible.

Wednesday night we filed into the House of Delegates Chamber with the members of the Supreme Court, the Governors Cabinet and many others to hear the Governor's "State of the Commonwealth" address. He addressed many issues important to all of us, which I support including economic development and job growth. I am concerned however over his continued efforts to borrow \$3 billion that will exceed our self-imposed cap of 5 percent of the general fund to service any bond debt we incur. This is a fiscally dangerous path I will not support. It will take money away from schools, public safety and health care. After the speech, legislators attended a reception at the Governors' Mansion where I had the opportunity to renew my conversation of the day before with the governor.

ON THURSDAY, I had my first bill before a subcommittee, which dealt with strengthening drunk driving laws for individuals under 21. It passed 5-0 as I finally resolved an issue with the U.S. Justice Department that had previously blocked it. My friend, Del. Bill Janis (R-56), will introduce the bill in the House of Delegates. We ended the day with a dinner in honor of Virginia's largest industry, agriculture and forestry. Next week we begin hearing the bulk of more than 2,500 bills.

Will let you know how that went next week.

Bulova

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that will work with our county staff and my office to identify strategies to realize progress toward meeting our energy goals.

In addition to clean energy, I will be working with our corporate neighbors in identifying and fostering the emergence of new industry sectors, such as personalized medicine and tourism. Together with our business community we can build a new economy in Fairfax County, and emerge from the Great Recession stronger than ever.

And lastly, improving mobility in Fairfax County that incorporates multi-modal options for our workers and residents will be a top priority for 2011. We must continue to plan for and invest in pedestrian and bike routes, light rail, Metro, and the VRE, and ensure they connect to offer efficient mobility options.

Fairfax County offers a great quality of life. The most important ingredient in making that happen is the positive engagement of our community. I extend my warmest wishes for the year ahead as we work together to realize its promise.

The New Road to Happiness

BY FIONNUALA QUINN

Lots of us have fond memories of getting our selves to school but few local children walk or bike there today. In Fairfax County, many who live within the one-mile limit of their elementary school are bused if it is decided that unusual hazards make the route unsafe. One option would be to help remove some of the obstacles through the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program. This Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) program provides funds to make bicycling and walking a safe option. Of the \$13,000,000 total funds available to Virginia schools, Fairfax County has received only \$10,000 to date.

The image of Fairfax children walking to school in the past is preserved in a silent movie, "The Road to Happiness." This movie was produced in 1924 by the Ford Motor Company as part of a campaign to promote road paving for automobiles and was filmed in various parts of Fairfax County and employed mostly local residents. Copies of what remains of the original movie are available through the public library.

In an early scene, children walk along an unpaved West Ox Road to the original Navy schoolhouse, scraping their boots before entering. Later, the teacher encourages the students to enter the Good Roads essay contest. The Good Roads movement was sweeping the country at the time and the contest drew over a quarter of a million entries annually.

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One of the students wins and heads to Washington to be presented with a college scholarship by President Calvin Coolidge. The student goes on to study highway engineering, eventually returning home as the local County Engineer. Finally, we see children happily walking together on the newly paved road to the Navy schoolhouse. One pair of students drive a pony and cart to the school.

That one-room schoolhouse has long since been replaced with an eight-hundred student facility while West Ox Road is a four-lane divided highway. Today,

many children living short distances from the school cannot easily walk there. Sidewalks are missing in many locations and vehicles speed by the school on three sides.

While in the past getting to school had fostered great independence, now many children are not encouraged to walk or bike there. This change in children's behavior came about in large part because of how we designed and constructed the surrounding neighborhoods and streets.

With SRTS funds, we can fix the non-continuous sidewalks, provide safety education and allow some more choices in how children can get to school. While we may not see many students arriving by pony and cart, it would be nice if a few more could safely walk and bike to their local elementary school.

Fionnuala Quinn, a member of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), is a Fairfax City resident, a cyclist and civil engineer who co-wrote the recently-published Guide for Reviewing Public Road Design and Bicycling Accommodations for Virginia Bicycling Advocates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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years (FY 2009-FY2011), FCPS took reductions and cost avoidances totaling more than \$465 million and eliminated more than 1,400 positions.

It is time now to compensate our employees for their outstanding work that has kept FCPS a leader in student achievement. Additionally, our starting teacher salaries have declined over the last two years and we need to bring those salaries up so we can continue to attract the most qualified teachers to our classrooms and remain competitive with neighboring jurisdictions.

Now the School Board needs to hear from you as we consider the superintendent's proposal over the next few weeks, then move to adopt the advertised budget on Feb. 3. Here's what you can do to get involved. First, learn more about the budget by visiting www.fcps.edu where you'll find extensive details on all aspects of the budget and the process. Second, sign up to speak at our public hearing on Jan. 24-25. Third, attend the School Board's Budget Forum to be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Falls Church High School.

We are a successful school system, and our success draws business to the area, making a major contribution to the economic engine of the community. Public education in Fairfax County is a source of pride and honor and should remain that way. We need the continued support and involvement of citizens to ensure that it does.

Kathy Smith

Chairman

Fairfax County School Board

Looking Ahead to Summer

Parents begin signing up their children for summer camp.

BY CRISTINA ABELLAN-MATAMOROS
THE CONNECTION

In spite of harsh winter winds, parents are shifting their focus to warmer months and looking for the perfect summer camps for their children.

"Late January is the time to start looking," said Grace Becker from Northern Virginia, mother of a 10 year old and a 13 year old. "It can be a stressful process initially, but every year gets a little bit easier. For me, I didn't have much of a choice because I needed the childcare, but every family is different." At most summer camps, enrollment works on a first-come first-serve basis, causing some to fill up quickly.

To help guide parents in their search, the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted has compiled a summer camp guide, available for \$10. The guide focuses on "enrichment [and] academic camps," according to Lara Bove of McLean, producer of the guide. "I try to get as much of an overview of the camps listed in the guide as I can." Music, drama, and nature camps are also featured

in the guide, providing "exposure for niche camps ... that won't put a flashy ad in the Washington Post," said Becker, who volunteers on the production of the guide.

"Parents are looking for different things," Becker said. "There are working parents who are mostly looking for childcare for the summer, and then there are stay-at-home moms who look for more flexible camps [with] half-day sessions."

The availability of extended care hours is a growing concern among working parents, according to several camp directors. Kate Summer, who runs the Katydid Kids summer camps in Frying Pan Park, Burke Lake Burke, Colvin Run Mill Park, and Lake Fairfax Park, said that she has "a lot of parents signing up for after care." About 60 per cent of the parents who enroll their children in one of her sessions are working parents, according to Summer. The guide includes information about childcare for each listed camp.

Although specifics vary, most parents are

More

A sampling of county and community fun camps:
<http://www.katydidkids.com> which is the one that has the camps in Fairfax County Parks
<http://www.ticcamp.com/> located in McLean
http://www.levineschool.org/site/PageServer?pagename=classes_campgeneral located in Arlington
<http://www.theauburnschool.org/camp.cfm> in Herndon



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Youngsters gather at one of the Katydid Kids summer camps.

looking for a safe, fun camp where their child will be actively engaged. "[I'm looking for] safety, fun, the typical things that parents want," said Bove.

Clifton's Elizabeth Schultz, mother of four, added, "I investigate for things that are fun. It's great [for the youngsters] to have an outdoor experience, [to] exercise brain and body ... and [to] give me a break."

But for many parents, money is also a concern when considering camps for their children. "Especially if you have three or four children, price is a biggie," said Schultz.

However, some parents such as Tim Higgins of Great Falls, say that expensive enrichment camps can help flesh out a col-

lege application.

Nancy Soschan, who runs a camp-advising program in Springfield called Summer Solutions, strongly agrees. "Wilderness adventure camps, academic enrichment camps, art camps are really great for teenagers," she said. A representative of Wilderness Adventure, a sleepaway outdoor camp in Roanoke, claimed that such summer experiences give college applicants intriguing essay topics.

Soschan strongly recommends sleepaway camps to foster competence and independence. "Kids learn to be independent," she said. "They learn ... sharing and communicating with others."

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

On Friday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m., the Congregation Adat Reym Erev Shabbat Service will feature Reverend St. Ulme from Engle Baptist du Calvaire (Calvary Baptist Church), the largest Haitian Church in the Washington D.C. suburbs, and his daughter-in-law, for an update about the situation in Haiti. It has been a year since the earthquake, and distribution services to the people who need them are limited. More than a million displaced people still live under tents and tarpaulins. Congregation Adat Reym 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield. andreafeigenbaum@yahoo.com.

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church will show the documentary "9500 Liberty" on Friday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the church, 10125 Lakehaven Court in Burke. Admission is free. "9500 Liberty" recounts the battle over immigration policy in Prince William County when local elected officials adopted a law requiring police officers to question anyone they have "probable cause" to suspect is an undocumented immigrant. sabastian@sonjara.com.

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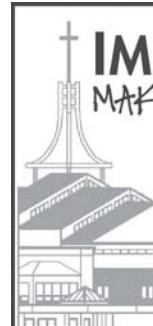
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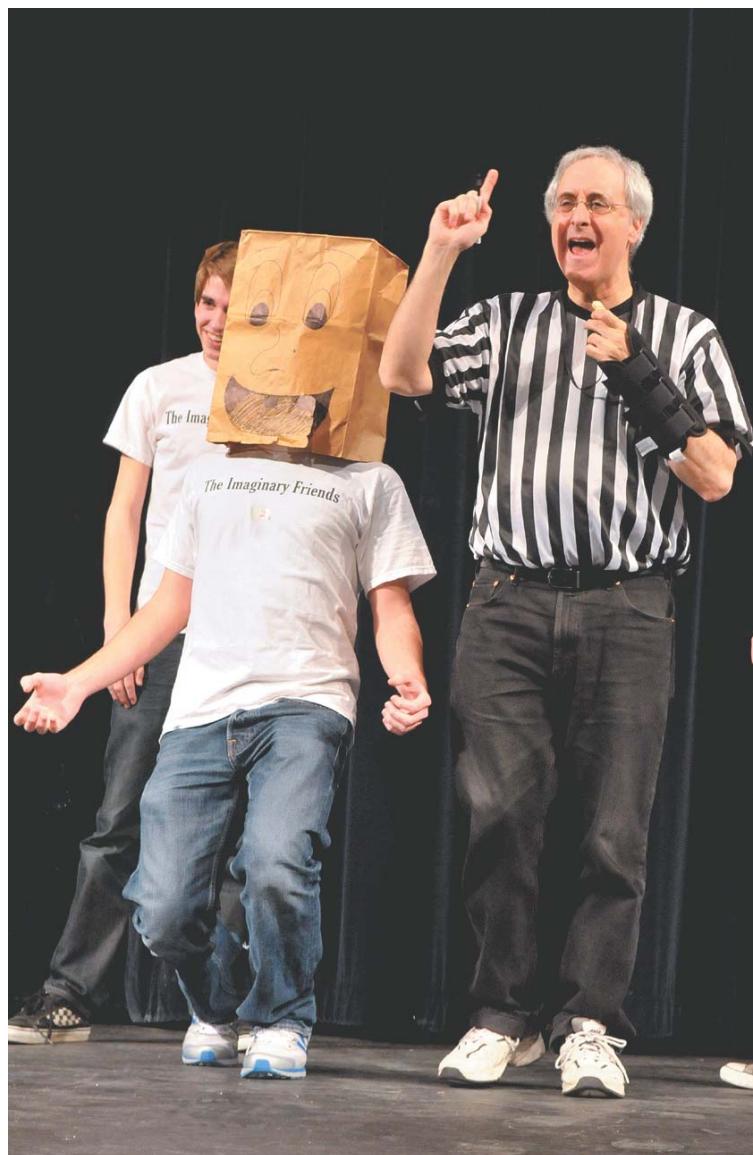


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Thomas Jefferson High students Anna Burke, Keegan Cotton, Andrew Freix and Albert Tholen move the exercise into the sci-fi style.



Jacob Brisson, Taryss Mandt and Kayleigh Randall of Hayfield Secondary act out a scene Friday, Jan. 14, as part of Theatre Sports at Robinson Secondary.

Chip Rome announces the Brown Bag rule and crowns a Thomas Jefferson performer during the first round.

Improv Tonight

Robinson Secondary hosts 28th Annual Theatre Sports event on Jan. 14.

Theatre Sports was the brainchild of Keith Johnstone while he was at the Loose Moose Theatre Company in Calgary, Canada. Douglas "Chip" Rome, the theater director at Robinson for the past 30 years, heard about the exercise from his sister, who lives in Calgary. He brought it to the school in 1983.

The exercise starts with the Improv groups showing up. This year, eight schools participated on Friday, Jan. 14: Robinson, Hayfield, Falls Church, Chantilly, Fairfax, Oakton, Thomas Jefferson and Woodson.

Three questions are asked to the audience ... People you want to be stuck in an elevator with? Places you don't want to go without a flashlight? And Things you don't want to find under your seat? The audience provides the answers that are then presented to the improvisation troupes as they take the stage. Groups are limited to five. The first round is 3 minutes.

Acting as referee, Rome introduced the rules. No wimping, waffling or blocking.

Any who does, receive the red sequined flag that may be part of the fabric used to construct Dorothy's shoes for the Wizard performance at Robinson. The second offence would be that of inappropriate dialogue or language, the perpetrator gets the brown bag over their head for 60 seconds. The third rule is "No Groaning." Groaning should resound from the audience when someone says no to an idea.

The first part of the Theatre Sports concerned styles. After the troupe selected the words that they would work with from the list — a person, place and thing — Rome would call out a different style every 20 seconds. The troupes responded to changes, beginning as themselves then prompted to western, mime, soap opera, musical, science fiction and Dr. Seuss.

After the first two rounds, two teams were tied — Thomas Jefferson and Chantilly. A Hat Game was called to break the tie. Chantilly won the contest. Chantilly student Taylor Jarrell won the individual award for the evening's sports.

— LOUISE KRAFFT

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Bruins Finds Their Way on Hardwood

Lake Braddock boys, at full strength, have been impressive of late.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Following a difficult start due partly to a lack of manpower as a result of the extended football season last fall, the Lake Braddock Secondary boys' basketball team is slowly rounding into form.

The Bruins (6-7) were somewhat short-handed, suiting just seven varsity players to begin the season as a result of several team members being unavailable because they were helping the school's football team win a second consecutive Northern Region title and qualify for the state playoffs. On the hardwood, the Bruins did not even have a full group with which to practice.

But eventually Lake Braddock got back to or close to full strength. The Bruins opened the season 2-4, including a lopsided 68-40 home loss to Herndon in their second game on Dec. 7.

But the team, following its first six games, has won four of its past seven games since to stabilize somewhat. Head coach Brian Metress said his squad played particularly well in a recent 63-57 Patriot District home loss to T.C. Williams on Jan. 7 and was also pleased with the Bruins' overall play in a 77-63 district win at South County on Thursday, Jan. 13. And earlier last week, Lake Braddock handled Lee, 70-46, in a district road game on Jan. 10.

In the win over a strong, unbeaten T.C. Williams squad, Lake Braddock led by double digits at one point. The Bruins jumped out to a 16-7 lead after

one quarter and carried a 30-22 advantage into the half. But the Titans (11-0) came back to win in the second half despite trailing with just five minutes remaining in the game. Nonetheless, it was a good showing by Lake Braddock, which received 22 points from senior guard Cory Bonds and 10 apiece from senior center Bobby Freedman and senior forward Ibrahim Wehelie. Jamal Pullen led T.C. with 20 points.

The Bruins followed the close loss to T.C. Williams with the wins over Lee and South County. Four Bruins finished in double digit scoring in the win over the Lancers — Bonds with 20 points, along with Freedman (15), senior forward Matt Zanellato (13) and junior forward Tyler Snow (11). Lee's leading scorers were Maseer Ghorab (14 points) and David Johnson (8). In the win over the Stallions, Freedman led the way with 17 points, followed by big games from Zanellato (15), senior forward Chris Williams (13) and Bonds (13). For the Stallions, Marqueice Johnson scored 22 points and Nik Biberaj had 15.

Lake Braddock, with the addition of football players Bonds, Zanellato and Chris Williams, now has much more depth and athleticism and is in a position to hold its own against any team in either the district or region. The Bruins, with a full line-up available, have been able to run the court better and utilize their team speed.

In the T.C. Game, in fact, Lake Braddock pressed the entire game that caused problems for the talented Titans.

From here on out Lake Braddock, perhaps an unheralded squad because of its slow start, should be much more competitive and a definite factor in the district.

Lake Braddock was scheduled to play district home games this week against Annandale on Wednesday, Jan. 19 and W.T. Woodson on Friday, Jan. 21.



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Matt Zanellato (40) scored 13 points in Lake Braddock's recent win over the Lee Lancers.

South County Hoops Hits Mid-season Wall

Spartans down Lee.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

South County has hit a tough mid-season skid, having lost five straight games after getting off to an 8-1 start this season. The Stallions, whose scheduled game against Lee on Tuesday of this week was postponed due to the poor weather, lost their fifth straight last Thursday night, falling at home to a resurgent Lake Braddock squad, 77-63. Lake Braddock, in the Patriot District win over the Stallions, had a big night from Bobby Freedman (17 points) as well as Matt Zanellato (15), senior forward Chris Williams (13) and senior guard Cory Bonds (13). For the Stallions, junior forward Marqueice Johnson scored 22 points and senior forward Nik Biberaj had 15. Also for South County, senior guard Alex Carrington scored eight points, junior guard Rodie Lamb scored seven and sophomore guard Oren Burks six.

Earlier last week, against unbeaten district opponent T.C. Williams (11-0), South



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The Lee High boys, under coach Michael Harris, lost a tough home game to non-region opponent Bladensburg of Maryland last Saturday night.

County struggled early on in a 74-63 home loss on Jan. 10. The Stallions, who trailed

19-6 after one quarter, had a huge game from Johnson, who scored a game-high 26

points to go along with 12 rebounds. Biberaj scored 15 points with 11 rebounds in the losing effort.

West Springfield High (2-9) earned a 62-48 Patriot District home win over Lee on Jan. 7. Both the Spartans and Lancers are experiencing tough seasons thus far. West Springfield, in a district game at Lake Braddock on Jan. 4, received 14 points from Lawrence Rouse in a 72-51 Spartans' loss. Colin Mosley scored nine points for West Springfield, while Josh Armstrong and Ali Kazmi scored eight and seven points, respectively. Bobby Freedman tallied 19 for Lake Braddock.

Lee, looking for its first win, played Bladensburg (Md.) tough in a 54-40 home loss last Saturday night. The Lancers took an early 15-6 lead and led 23-20 at the half. Maseer Ghorab scored 16 points in the game for the Lancers, while KC Clark added 15.

In Lee's recent loss to West Springfield, good outings for the Lancers came from David Johnson (10 points, seven rebounds), KT Taylor (13 points) and Clark (10 points). Lee will play at district opponent West Potomac this Friday night.

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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Subdivision
9303 CASTLE HILL RD	6	5	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$900,000	Detached	0.24	LAKEWOOD HILLS
STILL SPRING PL	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$756,303	Detached	0.09	NORTHAMPTON
5990 MANORVIEW WAY	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$708,286	Detached	0.09	NORTH HAMPTON
9019 SCOTT ST	5	3	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$654,000	Detached	0.34	SOUTH RUN FOREST
6355 ALDERMAN DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$647,000	Detached	0.13	KINGSTOWNE
5418 CASTLE BAR LN	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.10	KINGSTOWNE
5514 EYLER DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$562,500	Townhouse	0.06	KINGSTOWNE
7216 HIGHLAND ST	8	4	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$560,000	Detached	0.26	SPRINGFIELD
6560 MCKENNA WAY	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Townhouse	0.06	KINGSTOWNE
5817 GLOUCESTER AVE	7	4	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$543,800	Detached	0.22	SPRINGFIELD
6659 SCOTTSWOOD ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.04	KINGSTOWNE
7627 SEABROOK LN	4	2	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$530,000	Detached	0.25	WHISPERWOOD
7125 GAME LORD DR	4	2	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$525,000	Detached	0.28	ORANGE HUNT ESTS WEST
5537 JOWETT CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.05	KINGSTOWNE
6326 DUNMAN WAY	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Townhouse	0.05	KINGSTOWNE
8522 DURHAM CT	4	3	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$480,000	Detached	0.34	KINGS PARK
5168 BALLYCASTLE CIR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse		KINGSTOWNE
7102 DUDROW CT	3	3	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$475,000	Detached	0.30	DUDROW
6802 HUNTSMAN BLVD	4	2	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$460,000	Detached	0.25	ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
5582 JOWETT CT	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Townhouse	0.05	KINGSTOWNE
8926 CROMWELL DR	4	3	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$450,000	Detached	0.25	KINGS PARK
6406 BRENTFORD DR	4	2	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$450,000	Detached	0.46	KENWOOD OAKS
8250 HORNBUCKLE COR	4	3	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$450,000	Detached	0.30	TERRA GRANDE
8804 SKYRON PL	4	2	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$449,900	Detached	0.83	LAKEWOOD HILLS
8607 ARLEY DR	5	4	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$445,000	Detached	0.26	ROLLING VALLEY
8319 HARLAND DR	5	2	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$439,900	Detached	0.24	ROLLING VALLEY
7799 DESIREE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$439,000	Townhouse	0.06	ISLAND CREEK
8270 HORNBUCKLE DR	3	3	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$437,500	Detached	0.40	TERRA GRANDE
6215 WALKERS CROFT WAY	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$437,500	Townhouse	0.06	KINGSTOWNE
8285 MORNING DEW CT	4	2	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$430,000	Detached	0.21	NEWINGTON FOREST
7504 LAMOYNE CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$428,000	Townhouse	0.04	ISLAND CREEK
7344 BEULAH ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$426,250	Detached	1.35	BEULAH
5574 JOWETT CT	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Townhouse	0.03	KINGSTOWNE
6726 HUNTSMAN BLVD	4	2	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$415,000	Detached	0.24	ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
6605 PATENT PARISH LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Townhouse	0.06	ISLAND CREEK
7208 STERLING GROVE DR	4	3	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$411,000	Detached	0.25	BONNIEMILL ACRES
7348 BLOOMINGTON CT	3	3	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$407,000	Townhouse	0.04	TOWNES OF MANCHESTER WDS
5617 SOUTHAMPTON DR	4	2	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$402,000	Detached	0.26	KINGS PARK
7870 ROLLING WOODS CT #204	2	2	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$400,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		HIDDENBROOK
7297 OLDE LANTERN WAY	3	3	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.04	OLDE OAK RIDGE
8443 LAKINHURST LN	4	2	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$400			

EDUCATION

Boundary

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was not aware that the school system has proposed moving students from Clifton and Fairview to her school. The Oak View boundary remained untouched in "option d," so she hasn't been paying as close attention to the boundary study as other school communities.

"I don't even know what to say about how I feel. I guess it would depend on how many students we are talking about. ... It hadn't been affecting us at all so I checked out for a little bit," said Stoddard.

The PTA president added that Oak View, at 5004 Sideburn Road, is fairly long distance from Clifton Elementary.

"I guess I would feel bad for those Clifton students, that is a pretty long ride," said Stoddard.

Under the current recommendations, Eagle View, Londontowne, Bull Run, Powell, Centreville, Fairview and Providence elementary schools would lose at least some students. Fairfax Villa, Willow Springs, Cub Run, Union Mill and Oak View elementary schools would receive children.

Several other schools — Greenbriar East, Greenbriar West, Poplar Tree, Deer Park, Brookfield, Virginia Run and Centre Ridge — would both lose current students and gain new pupils at the same time under this proposal.

The boundary changes, including the closing of Clifton, would primarily take place next year, though the school system would wait to make some shifts until 2013, when the building additions are slated to be complete.

Greenbriar East, Union Mill and Fairfax Villa would have to receive eight-room building extensions for this redistricting effort to work, according to Tistadt. The school system would also relocate a eight-room classroom modular to Centreville Elementary and make some interior modifications at Fairview under this recommendation, according to school board documents.

ACCORDING TO the school system, some parents have complained that recommendation would move a few families from Eagle View, Greenbriar East, Poplar Tree and Centreville from full-day kindergarten programs to half-day kindergarten programs at their new schools.

School Board Member Tessie Wilson (Braddock) said some discussion has taken place about expanding the full-day kindergarten program to those schools that are receiving students from those campuses that already have full-day kindergarten.

Wilson said the School Board would prefer to have full-day kindergarten at every school in the county but budget constraints over the past few years have slowed the expansion of the program.

"It is our goal to have full-day kindergarten in all schools but these [receiving] schools would certainly be the ones that would be my top priority," said Wilson.

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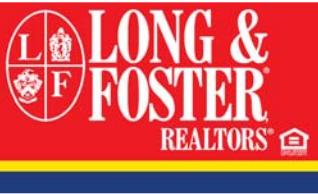
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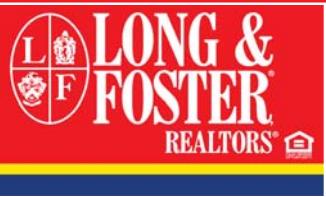
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