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#### From Supervisor Briskman

Dear Neighbors,

At the first Board of Supervisors meeting following summer recess, the we worked through a long and sometimes hard agenda, addressing issues such as distributing additional COVID-19 CARES Act funds and adding Election Day as a county holiday. I asked the

Board to draft ordinances that regulate the carrying of firearms in public buildings and parks owned or operated by the county. That motion passed with six votes. Although a second motion I proposed to regulate the use of firearms at permitted events did not pass, I continue to press for and advocate common sense gun regulations. Several of our neighboring jurisdictions have already passed these ordinances since the General Assembly gave localities the authority to do so. I look forward to seeing the draft ordinances and hearing public comment before the board votes to finalize the policies.

During the September 15 Board Business Meeting, Supervisor Koran Saines and I introduced a Board Member Initiative (BMI) to direct staff to prepare an County to Expand Senior Center Programs and Reopen Adult Day Centers

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#### **BOS Meetings**

The Board of Supervisors meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Public Hearings are held the Wednesday after the 1st Board meeting. information item listing and detailing the locations of roads, buildings, signs and other public emblems and infrastructure named after and honoring Confederate or segregationist figures, symbols and slogans in Loudoun County. This BMI passed 7-2. I was also happy to support an item for the BOS to sign onto a formal statement of apology initiated by Loudoun County Public Schools to the community for the county's role in maintaining and operating segregated schools. Loudoun County was the last jurisdiction to desegregate public schools in the Commonwealth and this came at great expense both physically and mentally to our African American residents who lost control of the Douglass School in the process. My motion to support a Virginia constitutional amendment to automatically restore voting rights to individuals who have served their time and are seeking reintegration into society also passed 6-3. This motion was supported by Chairwoman Phyllis Randall.

This month my staff and I hosted a town hall on the upcoming general election. This was our seventh town hall to date. The participation and feedback were overwhelmingly positive. Judy Brown, Loudoun County's Registrar, along with her deputy Richard Keech, Chairwoman Randall and Delegate Wendy Gooditis were on hand to answer questions about the importance and processes of voting. If you missed, you can view it <u>here</u> on YouTube. Our next virtual town hall will be held on Oct. 29 and will cover the revitalization of Cascades Marketplace. I hope you can join us for a conversation about this important commercial area in the heart of the Algonkian District.

I continue to serve on the Council of Governments (COG), where we learn how to put into use regional practices to solve issues, such as contact tracing. COG also passed a resolution to start a Food and Agricultural Region Member Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, which will focus on issues like farming, supply chains, and food security throughout the region. This is a timely decision since COVID-19, and its severe economic impact, has exposed the issue of food insecurity in the DC area.

At this month's Family Services Advisory Board meeting we received a <u>presentation</u> from Child Protective Check out the <u>BOS Calendar</u> for upcoming meetings

Want to speak? <u>Visit the county web</u> <u>page for</u> <u>information.</u>

#### QUICK TIPS

Can't find time to get to DMV? No problem. They will come to you with DMV2Go!!!

Apply for or renew your ID or driver's license, take road and knowledge tests and much more.

Check the DMV2Go <u>calendar</u> for upcoming dates and locations

Loudoun County Health Department hotline (703) 737-8300

#### SCAMS

IRS Issues Warning about Coronavirus-Related Scams; Watch Out for Services on community approach keeping families and children safe during COVID-19 and <u>resources</u> to share on workforce development. Loudoun County continues to put the needs of our most vulnerable front and center during these trying times.

Don't forget that voting in Loudoun has already started!

All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote by mail, vote early and in-person, or vote on election day. Thanks to the work of my colleagues in Richmond, no excuses or extra signatures are required to justify your choice. The last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is Friday, October 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and the last day to vote absentee inperson is Saturday, October 31. The registrar's office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. More information on voting early can be found <u>here</u>.

I am very excited to announce that my office launched the first ever Algonkian's Got Talent. This virtual talent contest is open to students aged 9-18 who either live in Algonkian or attend a school in one of the Algonkian clusters. Please read on for additional information.

Thank you for subscribing. Please follow my office on <u>Facebook</u> and on our new Twitter channel <u>@SupBriskman</u>!

Stay well,

Juli

#### <u>Schemes Tied to</u> <u>Economic Impact</u> <u>Payments</u>

The Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations are warning taxpayers to be alert about possible scams relating to <u>COVID-19</u> <u>economic impact</u> <u>payments</u>.

Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force

Eastern Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator, Assistant U.S. Attorney <u>Email</u> <u>Kaitlin F. Cooke</u> or 804-819-5416.

To report fraudulent activity to the Virginia State Police, Virginians can <u>Email</u> <u>Virginia Fusion</u> <u>Center</u>.

To report a COVID-19 fraud scheme or suspicious activity, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) by calling the NCDF Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or send an email.

# Personal Property Tax Deadline



Loudoun County

#### Monday, October 5

Extended hours at both office locations 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 2 and Monday, October 5

#### For payment options, visit: loudoun.gov/taxes

Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280 Email: taxes@loudoun.gov

# Second Half Property Tax Due Oct. 5

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the second half personal property tax is Monday, October 5, 2020. Payments postmarked after October 5, 2020, will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty. Additional interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum will be assessed. Payments not received within 60 days of the due date will incur an additional 15 percent penalty. The due date will not be extended for bills where assessment questions have been filed with the Commissioner of the Revenue. Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Treasurer's Collections Team at 703-771-5656 for assistance.

Payments can be made using electronic check (echeck), VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Please note there is a convenience fee added to credit card transactions. There is no fee for echeck.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures in place at county government buildings, the county encourages taxpayers to utilize the online payment option.

Payments may be made:

- Online: loudounportal.com/taxes
- Through a mobile device: The Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and



the Google Play Store. The app allows access to <u>loudounportal.com/taxes</u> to pay your taxes.

- By telephone: 1-800-269-5971 may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call 703-777-0280. Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In person: Treasurer's Office Locations:
  - 1 Harrison Street SE, First Floor, Leesburg, Virginia
  - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling, Virginia

The offices' regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Friday, October 2, and Monday, October 5, offices will be operating under extended business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, 24-hour deposit boxes are located outside each office. Please contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office by phone at 703-777-0280 or <u>email</u> if you have not received your bill.

# ENTER TO WIN THE FIRST EVER ALGONKIAN'S GOT TALENT

# Compete in the First Ever Algonkian's Got Talent

Algonkian's Got Talent is a friendly competition to uplift our artistic youth and to offer them space to share their gifts and achieve recognition for their skills and hard work. I launched this initiative because she believes the arts are an integral part of education, culture and society that help us develop empathy and to understand people, places, history and issues with which we may otherwise be unfamiliar. The arts ignite our imaginations and offer a creative outlet unlike any other. I believe that engaging in the arts at a young age builds brain power and confidence.

Submissions for the inaugural Algonkian's Got Talent competition will be accepted from October 1st through October 15th. Submissions will be judged by a panel of music teachers and local musicians for technical and entertainment value. Submissions will be posted on the Algonkian Supervisor's Facebook page and available for public viewing and voting. Winners will be announced at a virtual celebration on November 13th.

All participants must be aged 9-18 by the deadline. Contestants, or at least one member of the talent group, must live in the Algonkian District or attend Algonkian District schools, including Seneca Ridge Middle School and Dominion High School. Categories will include Solo Instrumental, Solo Vocal, Group Musical Act, Dance, and Miscellaneous. Contestants can upload their submissions using <u>this form</u> and view an informational flyer <u>here</u>.

Here's some advice for those submitting a video:

- Be sure to use a device that will allow good video and audio recording.
- Record your performance in a place with good lighting so the audience can clearly see you.
- Avoid background noise like televisions, small children, HVAC/fans or other device noises.
- If you're able to adjust the volume on your recording device, make sure it's not set too high. A possible solution is to back away from the device so there are no audio peaks due to loud singing/playing, yelling or high pitches.
- Relax and have fun!



# Loudoun Publishes Digital FY21 Budget Story

Loudoun County has published a digital <u>Fiscal Year 2021</u> <u>Budget Story</u> that highlights county programs and spotlights some of the ways the county puts tax dollars to work. In the FY 2021 Budget Story, the county explains how its \$3.0 billion budget affects Loudoun residents and businesses, and how the county government is addressing economic and public health challenges. The digital publication serves as a companion piece to the county's Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget and provides an additional resource for Loudoun residents and businesses to learn about the county's budget. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the county opted to produce the annual publication online for touch-free distribution.

The Board of Supervisors has balanced Loudoun's continued growth during an unusual budget year. In adopting the FY 2021 budget, the Board recognized the uncertain financial future the county faces due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and took action to give the county government flexibility in managing the unknown economic impacts. The FY 2021 budget went into effect July 1, 2020. The budget document and more information about the budget process is online at <u>loudoun.gov/budget</u>.



# **Glorious Goats Arrives in Cascades**

Glorious Goats will be in Cascades for the rest of this week and next. Glorious Goats is a vegetation control service and a natural alternative to using chemicals and heavy machinery. The goats are currently located along Algonkian Pkwy between Sky Lane and Quarterpath Trace Circle. Please remember some do's and don'ts while visiting the goats.

#### Goat Don'ts:

- Don't touch the electric fence.
- Don't feed the Goats! The natural food for goats is the vegetation they will be feasting on at Cascades, anything else could be harmful to them.

#### Goat Do's:

- Do stop by and watch! You will see the Glorious Goats staff around daily. They check on their health and refill their water and other supplies they need. They are happy to answer any questions.
- Do remember to social distance and stay safe while viewing the goats.

COVID 19 NUMBERS	
🕀 Positive Cases 🛛 Hospitalizations 👽 Deaths	
VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
142,590	6,720
10,718	428
3,089	123

# State and Local COVID-19 Trends

A model used by the Loudoun County Health Department estimates that cases are expected to increase an average of 24 cases per day over the next six days. At the state level, Virginia continues to experience a steady decline in its seven-day moving average.



Loudoun Accepting Second Round of Business Interruption Fund Applications The application window to apply for Round 5 of the Business Interruption Fund from CARES Act funding is open and ends at noon on September 30. Loudoun Economic Development, Purcellville, and Hillsboro are partnering to administer Round 5. Loudoun's \$3 million will provide 600 randomly selected applicant businesses with a \$5,000 grant. Purcellville's \$450,000 will provide 90 businesses with \$5,000 grants. Hillsboro will evenly fund all 18 businesses located within its town limits that do not receive CARES Act funding from the county. Applicants who have not received funding in any previous round of the county's Business Interruption Fund or a similar grant process offered by any of Loudoun's incorporated towns will be given priority in receiving funding. For more information or to apply, visit Business Interruption Fund Round 5.



# Virginia Expands Rent and Mortgage Relief for Landlords

Governor Ralph Northam today announced the expansion of the Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP), which first <u>launched at the end of June</u> with \$50 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to assist households facing eviction or foreclosure due to COVID-19. Landlords can now apply to receive financial assistance for current and past-due rental payments dating back to April 1, 2020 on behalf of their tenants who qualify for RMRP. This new application is available in addition to the existing tenant-based application.

Current state and federal eviction protections through the courts do not prevent rent and mortgage payments from accumulating. The Commonwealth is focused on helping eligible households and property owners access resources to maintain housing stability during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future. Virginians are encouraged to act quickly and work with their landlord or lending institution to understand their rights and responsibilities and seek rent and mortgage relief assistance if needed.

For additional information, you can go to this webpage: StayHomeVirginia.com/renters. To submit a landlordinitiated application, visit virginiahousing.com/RMRP. Tenants interested in applying should visit dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility to conduct a selfassessment for eligibility or call 211 VIRGINIA by dialing 2-1-1 from your phone. Tenants and homeowners are strongly encouraged to know their rights and responsibilities and pay their rent and mortgages on time if they are able and if they are not able, to reach out to their landlord or lending institution along with RMRP. Visit <u>StayHomeVirginia.com</u> for additional information and resources.



# County to Expand Senior Center Programs and Reopen Adult Day Centers

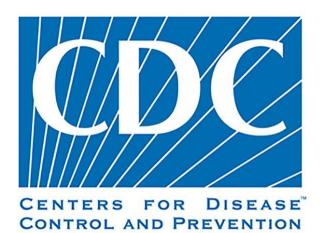
In accordance with <u>Forward Virginia Phase Three</u> <u>Guidelines</u>, the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has announced plans to expand senior center programs and reopen adult day centers.

Senior centers began offering limited outdoor programming for current members Monday, Sept. 21. Activities may include fitness, music, martial arts, dance and arts and crafts projects. Hours are variable and programs may be impacted by weather. Members should call the nearest center for class options and schedules. The reservation-based, weekday congregate and drive-up meal program for members is ongoing.

Adult day centers will reopen Monday, Sept. 28, to serve existing clients. No visitors will be allowed. Hours will be reduced from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and programmed as two separate, 3.5-hour sessions to ensure adequate staff-to-client ratios and adherence to social distancing and other safety guidelines in place to reduce the spread of disease. Families are encouraged to call the centers for more details.

Details on Phase Three reopening plans can be found at <u>loudoun.gov/prcsoperatingstatus</u>. For more information, email <u>prcs@loudoun.gov</u>.

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19. Visit <u>loudoun.gov/coronavirus</u> for information about how to protect yourself and your family and to sign up for notifications.



# **CDC Issues Guidelines for Halloween**

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house





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### **Rebuild VA Expands Eligibility Criteria**

Governor Ralph Northam announced that Rebuild VA, the \$70 million economic recovery fund <u>launched in</u> <u>August</u>, is expanding its eligibility criteria to allow more small businesses to apply. Businesses that received funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and supply chain partners of businesses whose normal operations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are now eligible to receive grants of up to \$10,000. Businesses that have received federal funds must certify that they will only use the Rebuild VA grant for recurring expenses and that the grant will not be used to cover the same expenses as the other CARES Act funds.

Eligible businesses and nonprofits must demonstrate that their normal operations were limited by Governor Northam's Executive Orders <u>Fifty-Three</u> or <u>Fifty-Five</u>, or that they were directly impacted by the closure of such businesses. In March, Governor Northam took executive action to protect the health and safety of Virginians, which included limiting operations for food and beverage, non-essential brick and mortar retail, exercise and fitness, entertainment and public amusement, personal care and personal grooming, and private campground and overnight summer camps. Expanded business sectors now eligible to apply for Rebuild VA grants include small hotels and bed and breakfasts lodging facilities along with film companies supporting production in the Commonwealth. Businesses that provide goods or services for those identified in one or more of the eligible business categories previously mentioned are now eligible.

Businesses must also certify that they have not received grant or loan dollars from federal, state, or local CARES Act funded programs, or if they have received CARES Act funding, that they will use the Rebuild VA grant only for recurring expenses. These businesses must also certify that the Rebuild VA funds will not be used to cover the same expenses as other CARES Act funds.

Rebuild VA still requires that businesses and nonprofit organizations must be in good standing, have annual gross revenues of no more than \$1.5 million, and have no more than 25 employees.

The online application is available <u>here</u>.

# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Protecting You and Your Environment

www.vdh.virginia.gov

# VDH Announces Results of COVID-19 Serology Study

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced the results of its Coronavirus Serology Project that was conducted during summer of 2020. An estimated 2.4% of adult Virginians have antibody test evidence of a prior COVID-19 infection. The presence of COVID-19 antibodies was highest in Hispanic individuals (10.2%), residents of the Northern region (4.4%), and among those uninsured or insured through Medicaid (3.8%). Statewide, Hispanic ethnicity, residence in an apartment building or other multi-family housing unit, and reported contact with a COVID-19 case significantly increased the risk of having a positive antibody test. The project's findings will help Virginia address the COVID-19 pandemic by understanding risk factors and giving the public health system and hospitals information to plan for future health care needs.

VDH partnered with a health system in each of Virginia's five health planning regions to estimate the total number of people that have been infected with the COVID-19 virus in Virginia at any time in the past. From June 1 to August 14, 2020, 4,675 adult outpatients presenting for non-COVID related health care agreed to complete a questionnaire and provide a blood sample for COVID-19 antibody testing. Enrollment was stratified to meet the age, race, and ethnic population distribution of each region.



# NOVA Regional Commission Reminds Residents of Flu Season

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the 2020– 21 influenza season will coincide with the continued or recurrent circulation of COVID-19.

Influenza vaccination of persons aged  $\geq 6$  months to reduce prevalence of illness caused by influenza will reduce symptoms that might be confused with those of COVID-19. Prevention of and reduction in the severity of influenza illness and reduction of outpatient illnesses, hospitalizations, and intensive care unit admissions through influenza vaccination also could alleviate stress on the U.S. health care system. Here are some resources from the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. Click on the links of your local Health District for information on flu shot clinics that will becoming available in our local communities.

#### **Centers for Disease Control**

Where to get a flu shot: <u>https://vaccinefinder.org/</u>

How to prepare: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/flu/</u>

#### Loudoun County Health District

https://www.loudoun.gov/1340/Flu-Vaccine



# Here's What's Happening with Traffic Around Algonkian

After my office reached out to VDOT, they've agreed to remove about 20 dead trees overhanging Smith Circle, Island Drive, and Potomac Drive. While VDOT hopes to complete this work within the coming weeks, the occurrence of bad weather could delay this process.

We also met with county transportation staff regarding complaints of speeding and individuals driving into the median on Countryside Boulevard. I'm happy to report that the County will be looking into possible measures such as a speed study and refreshed crosswalk markings.



# Governor's Update

On September 22, Governor Ralph Northam announced a higher education refinancing plan that will save Virginia's public colleges and universities more than \$300 million over the next two years. The Commonwealth of Virginia will take advantage of low interest rates by refinancing bonds issued by the Treasury Board of Virginia (TBV) and the Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA), which institutions of higher education use for capital projects. The Governor was joined by George Mason University President Dr. Gregory Washington and state legislators for the announcement at the university's Fairfax campus.

Virginia has successfully avoided cuts to higher education during the pandemic. The Commonwealth has worked hard to maintain its valued AAA bond rating, which has allowed the state to be eligible for these favorable interest rates.

Many Virginia colleges and universities have seen a decline in revenue traditionally used for bond payments. These institutions are also navigating uncertainty regarding in-person learning, with many unsure when or how students will return to campus. Under the Governor's plan, institutions will make no principal payments on their VCBA bonds through fiscal year 2023. The proposed restructuring would also extend institutions' payment plans for two years beyond their current schedule, for both VCBA and TBV bonds.

As part of his plan, Governor Northam will work with the General Assembly to allow additional flexibility for higher education refinancing during the 2021 General Assembly session.



# Annual Piedmont Environmental Council Photo Contest Begins

It's now time to submit your photos for PEC's 11th Annual Photo Contest! What makes this contest special is seeing all of the beautiful and interesting photos come from Virginia's Piedmont - the place many of us call home. The Piedmont Environmental Council's 2020 photo contest is open to all photographers except employees of The Piedmont Environmental Council and their immediate family. Adults may enter up to 6 photos in each category (max of 18 photos). Youth 17 years of age and younger may enter 6 photos in the Youth Category (max of 6 photos).

Each of the finalists will receive a free PEC membership and have his/her work featured in upcoming PEC publications. The winners of the "Beautiful Landscapes and Streetscapes," "Native Plants and Wildlife" and "Wonderful Waters" categories will receive a \$75 gift certificate to a nearby Buy Fresh Buy Local restaurant! The winner of the "Youth" category will receive a \$75 iTunes gift card. PEC connects people to the landscapes, communities, and heritage of Virginia's Piedmont. As part of that mission, PEC is looking for images that enable people to experience this wonderful place in new and exciting ways. Photos must be taken within PEC's nine-county region -- Albemarle, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Greene, Loudoun, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock.

#### CATEGORIES

- Beautiful Landscapes and Streetscapes
- Native Plants and Wildlife
- Wonderful Waters (rivers, streams, lakes, reservoirs, creeks, you name it!)
  - This new category is in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Scenic Rivers Act!
- Youth Category (for ages 17 and under)
  - All minors MUST have parent or guardian fill out the Youth Agreement form to be eligible for the PEC photo contest. See "How to Enter" below for instructions.

The preferred size of photographs is 1 MB or larger at 72 DPI or more. You may submit smaller sized images, but images with a low resolution are less likely to be considered as finalists.

Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll share them in our updates and newsletter.

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# **School Board Snippets**

We are a little over two weeks into an unprecedented school year. LCPS Staff and the School Board continue planning the safe return of students to the classroom in stages. Below are the most recent updates from the School Board meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Hybrid In-Person Learning Updates and Planning

The School Board approved moving into Stage 2 of

the hybrid in-person learning plan. Students in Grades K-2 whose parents chose hybrid learning will begin attending school in-person two days each week on October 27. Updated hybrid model implementation plans are as follows:

September 8<sup>th</sup>

• MATA students started the in-person hybrid model on the first day of school

October 13<sup>th</sup>

- Students with disabilities who receive instruction through ASOL (Pre-K Age 22)
- Students with disabilities in self-contained programs (Pre-K Age 22)

October 27<sup>th</sup>

- English Learners, proficiency levels 1.0 1.9
- Pre-school and Pre-K students
- All K-2 students whose parents selected the hybrid model

LCPS Staff will continue planning for Stage 3 implementation of the hybrid model. Initial plans presented at the School Board meeting on 9/22 included the possibility of Grades 3-5, Academy of Engineering and Technology, and Academy of Science starting in December. Stage 3 discussions will continue at the October School Board Meeting.

I am very excited to participate in a simulation of in-person learning at Potomac Falls High School later this week. These simulations help LCPS Staff and the School Board plan for a safe school experience for our children.

#### Google Meet Safety

The Department of Digital Innovation (DDI) reported that LCPS hosts 24,000 Google Meet sessions every day to support Distance Learning. There have been 17 incidents reported of inappropriate use which occurred using the Dial In feature of Google Meet. After consultation with law enforcement, DDI discontinued the ability for participants to use the Dial In feature until teachers can control it themselves. There will be an update to Google Meet in the near future allowing teachers to have control of Dial In participants.

There has been one incident with a teacher accidentally letting an external non-LCPS account into their Google Meet and inappropriate content was displayed. This was an anomaly as the teacher thought it was someone that should have been in the class.

There have been some questionable avatars created, but this is being handled by teachers and the school administration. Students have always had the ability to change their avatar and Chromebook background, similar to students decorating their own locker.

#### **Meals and Books**

The USDA Summer Food Service Program has been extended. Over 1.8M meals have been served since the program began! Breakfast and lunch continue to be offered to all children and teens aged 18 and under. Meals are served at 91 LCPS schools and two educational centers (The Academies of Loudoun and Douglass School). Walk-up meal service is available Monday through Friday from 10am-1pm. Bus delivery of food also continues. Please <u>visit this site</u> for timing and bus stop information.

The LCPS Library Book Bus started service this week. Students can request books through their school librarian to be delivered by the Book Bus at designated bus stops. Please visit this site for bus stop locations: https://lcps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e2ed2993097b 41fd9af0e44df83e3903

#### General Assembly – Legislative Program

As Chair of the Legislative & Policy Committee, I'm happy to report that the School Board approved the 2021 Legislative Program recommended by the L&P Committee, with four amendments. This Legislative Program will be presented to our delegation of General Assembly representatives letting them know the LCPS position on potential laws to help support our public education in Loudoun and across the Commonwealth. Some of the items LCPS supports include: staggering the terms of School Board members; grants and other initiatives to expand broadband access; full funding for 1 school counselor for every 250 students; motion detected body cameras for SRO's.

#### Support Hotline for Tech Issues

If you have technical issues, call the support line at 571-252-2112, Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-5:00 PM. Or, if your computer is physically damaged, you can book an appointment at the DDI Repair Depot: <u>http://bit.ly/DDI-REPAIR</u>

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the teachers, staff, administration, parents, family, babysitters – everyone working hard to teach

our children and keep them engaged during Distance Learning. Please continue to contact me with your feedback, questions, or concerns. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

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