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**Loudoun County Public Schools  
Welcomes Students for First Day of School**



### Happy First Day of School, Loudoun County!

Wishing all students, teachers, and parents in the LCPS community a fun, safe, and successful school year ahead. May this year be filled with endless curiosity and memorable experiences! I maintain an open dialogue with my School Board colleagues throughout the year and will continue to do so during the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

For information about the upcoming school year, [visit here!](#)

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## Dominion Energy & Dulles Airport Break Ground on Solar Farm



On Tuesday morning, I attended the groundbreaking of a transformative solar project at Dulles Airport, set to be the largest at any U.S. airport!

When completed, this solar farm, made up of 200,000 panels, will have the capacity to power over 37,000 homes. It is estimated that over 300 construction jobs will be created and more than \$200 million of economic activity will be generated by this initiative. Further, the project will also provide a fleet of airport electric vehicles and an expansion of EV charging infrastructure in airport facilities. Construction is targeted for completion in 2026.

**Projects like these are essential for a sustainable future and bring us one step closer to lowering our carbon footprint in Loudoun County.**

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## **Community Meeting on Dogwood Farm Station Proposal**



On Tuesday evening, I hosted a Community Meeting to discuss the Dogwood Farm Station land use application. I have been following the developments of this application for the last several months and have encouraged the applicant to meet with the community. I am grateful to the many community members, especially from Lexington 7 and Potomac Farms, for sharing their feedback and concerns about this application with my office. I invite any community members with questions or comments to contact my office. My office is actively reviewing comments and questions shared by residents who attended the meeting and will be sharing information as it is available.

The Dogwood Farm Station application will be heard by the Board of Supervisors at the **Public Hearing on September 13th starting at 6pm**. For more information on sharing input to the Board of Supervisors, visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/4853/About-Board-of-Supervisors-Meetings>.

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## **Loudoun County Officials Attend Virginia Association of Counties Summer Meeting**



Last week, members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors attended two important days of meetings representing Loudoun County in the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo).

On Thursday, I attended the VACo County Officials Summit which brought together local officials from all over the commonwealth to discuss the issues facing our communities, including Virginia's substantial underfunding of public education and the unfinished state budget. I sit on the Finance and Elections Steering Committee where I reviewed VACo's draft policy platform to ensure we are supporting election administration and recommending strong investments in public services that benefit our residents. On Friday, the VACo Board of Directors met for our quarterly meeting to review the full draft platform.

I am always proud to represent Loudoun County and ensure county voices are heard by our state government leaders.

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