



**APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE
FAIRFAX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE**

Sully District School Board Member – General Election – November 3, 2015

Any individual running for this non-partisan elected office (Fairfax County School Board) may request endorsement of his/her candidacy by the Sully District Democratic Committee and the Fairfax County Democratic Committee. Any such candidate must complete this Application and the attached Questionnaire and submit both along with a non-refundable \$200 filing fee to Bryan Graham by 5pm on April 6, 2015. The address is 6292 Paddington Ln, Centreville, VA 20120.

The candidate understands and agrees:

- that completion and submission of the application and questionnaire does not guarantee that any endorsement shall be provided;
- that submission of the application, questionnaire and filing fee entitles him/her access to the FCDC membership roster (name, address and phone number only; no email addresses);
- that endorsement is granted at the sole discretion of FCDC; and
- to adhere to the rules & procedures governing the selection process for candidates seeking endorsement by FCDC.

The candidate who receives the endorsement of FCDC is eligible to receive the following benefits:

- Authorization to include “Endorsed by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee” and/or “Endorsed by the Sully District Democratic Committee” on campaign materials;
- Promotion of campaign events through use of the District Committee Calendars;
- Link to the campaign website published on the District Committee website and inclusion in its social media components;
- Space for phone banking (as available);
- Possible campaign contributions from FCDC;
- Inclusion on the Democratic Sample Ballot & other coordinated campaign materials as may be developed; and
- Authorization to establish a VAN Account.

One of the primary functions of the FCDC and the Magisterial District Committees is the support and election of Democratic candidates to all levels of public office. Therefore, any candidate who does not receive the endorsement of FCDC WILL NOT be eligible for the above benefits. No FCDC or Magisterial District resources will be used in the support or promotion of any unendorsed candidate.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PRECINCT: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ EMPLOYER: _____

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I certify that I am a Democrat and pledge to support only Democratic nominees and candidates endorsed by the FCDC in the 2015 General Election. I understand that any action contrary to this pledge may result in a repeal of the Democratic endorsement. I hereby request the endorsement of my candidacy by the FCDC. I fully understand that submission of this application and questionnaire does not constitute endorsement or promise of endorsement by FCDC. I certify that I have answered the questions truthfully to the best of my knowledge and authorize FCDC or their agents to verify the information herein contained.

CANDIDATE:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT:

Signature

Date

Signature

Date



**Questionnaire for Candidates Seeking Endorsement by the Fairfax County Democratic
Committee for Sully District School Board Member
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Provide a background statement that demonstrates the qualities, qualifications and background you possess that make you suited for the school board (you may include a resume). The statement might include why you decided to run for this office; your personal connection to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS); the role and responsibility of a school board member in the effective, efficient administration of schools; distinction between the role of the school board and the superintendent.

Responses to each of the following questions may not exceed 200 words.

1. What do you see as the three most important issues facing FCPS in the next four years?
2. The school district provides public education to an increasingly diverse student population. What policies would you support to meet the needs of that student body?
3. The budget for Fairfax County Public Schools is larger than the general fund of 5 states. Do you have any experience in dealing with large budgets and how would you go about setting budget priorities?
4. Is there something specific you would like to achieve if elected?
5. How do you plan on staying connected with students, parents, teachers, and the community at large?
6. In your opinion, what steps should the School Board take to assure that FCPS graduates are best prepared to enter the 21st century workplace?
7. If you are not selected for the FCDC endorsement, will you commit to refrain from filing as a candidate and to publicly support the FCDC endorsed candidates?

Responses to the questions from the FCDC At-Large Endorsement Questionnaire are optional. Their inclusion in your response is recommended but not required.