I. Public Comment. None.

II. Sharing Virginia PTA Draft Legislative Program. The Chair introduced Jenna Alexander, the Director of the Hunt Valley PTA District, who provided a synopsis of the Virginia PTA Proposed Legislative Program attached hereto as Attachment 1.

III. 2019 Legislative Program. The Chair led a discussion on staff’s proposed recommendations for the 2019 Legislative Program (attached hereto as Attachment 2) as follows:

- Priority Position 1 (lines 2-7) – Bill was carried over to 2019. Staff recommends to keep this position.
- Priority Position 2 (lines 10-13) – This position has strong support and staff recommends to keep it.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 3 (lines 17-18). The tourist industry is showing signs of compromise. Staff recommends to keep this position.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 4 (lines 21-23). Staff feels this is not going anywhere and recommends to omit the position.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 5 (lines 26-29). Staff feels this is not going anywhere and recommends to omit the position.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 6 (lines 32-33). Staff recommends to keep this position.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 7 (lines 36-37). Staff recommends to keep this position. The Committee recommends broadening the language to include mental health support staff.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 8 (lines 40-43). Staff recommends to omit but would like Committee discussion.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 11 (lines 59-65). Bill was continued until 2019. Staff recommends to keep this position. Committee suggested that Division Counsel redraft the rationale and redlined language reflecting the requested Code of Virginia revision (“One-Page Rationale”) to make it more specific so that the delegation has a better understanding of the issue.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 12 (lines 68-74). This is a new recommended staff position. Background information – when the Social Science standard curriculum changed in 2015, the State did not make Social Science high school SOL assessments since it was anticipated that they would be replaced with performance-based assessments. Over the summer when the Budget Appropriation Act was passed, a stipulation was added by Senator Newman that required the verified credit be obtained by an SOL test. Since SOLs were not developed in 2015, the assessments are now based on the 2008 Social Science standard curriculum instead of the 2015 Social Science curriculum. Staff has been speaking with Delegate Reid regarding this position.
- Other 2019 Legislative Position 13 (line 77). This is a new recommended position requested by Eric Hornberger. Staff handed out background research requested by Mr. Hornberger attached hereto as Attachment 3. State and Federal controlled elections (i.e., general, special and primary) are conflicting with the school calendar causing student safety concerns. 72 out of 92 LCPS schools are used as polling sites. Mr. Hornberger will be working with staff to develop a
comprehensive position statement addressing student safety concerns involving the use of school facilities during a student school day as polling sites for multiple federal, state and town elections.

- Other 2019 Legislative Position 14 (line 80). This is a new recommended staff position. Staff would like to enhance the staffing standards for mental health support staff.
- Mr. Hornberger requested staff to look into a possible position involving dual-enrollment courses at partnering colleges if the state makes it harder for students to enroll in classes, specifically charging tuition.
- The Committee requested at its next meeting, the following information on last year's positions:
  o LCSB bills that did not pass - provide if they were picked up by a delegate and if so who carried it, what delegate(s) were against it, and what committee it died in; and
  o Provide staff's and/or legislative consultant's recommendation on which Loudoun delegate to carry the current recommended positions.

**ACTION:** None – discussion item only. Further work on the Legislative Program will occur at the next regular Committee meeting scheduled on October 2, 2018.

**III. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
Please attend your school’s PTA meeting to vote on whether or not you support adding these four positions to the Virginia PTA Legislative Program. The Legislative Program is a list of approved position statements and resolutions that supports local, state and national advocacy by individual PTA members and schools as well as Virginia PTA testimony at legislative hearings and when serving on committees. Votes should be turned in by Oct 10, 2018.

**2019 Proposed Position Statements and Rationale**

**Mental Health**
Seek legislation that would ensure use of best practice ratios of qualified mental health professionals in all schools.

Students should have equal and easy access to mental health professionals in their schools at recommended ratios.

**School Safety**
Support legislation that implements and funds school safety measures and the effective use of Threat Assessment Teams to improve the learning environments of our public schools.

School safety ranks high on the list of priorities for parents. School safety measures should be adequately funded and Threat Assessment Teams, required in all buildings, should be effectively utilized.

**Career & Technical Education**
Support legislation and policies that incorporate career and technical education (CTE) into K-12 classrooms, paying special attention to real-life career options and opportunities for training.

Virginia PTA has long advocated for equal access to career training. Taking additional steps to weave CTE into the classroom will encourage career and college readiness in our students.

**Teacher Shortage**
Supports legislation and policies that seek to recruit and retain effective educators, especially in high-poverty areas, remote locations and hard to fill positions.

Virginia must take aggressive steps to address the teacher shortage and ensure high quality teachers in all areas - especially in hard to staff locations.
School Facility Modernization  (Not in PLP, but supported by resolution last year)

VAPTA seeks and supports development of a competitive state funded grant program or a dedicated maintenance funding source to provide for the regular repair and maintenance or upgrade of aging school buildings.

- Building quality impacts academic success and student health. Additionally modern buildings and tools help to close the skills gap between skills the worker has and what the economy demands.

- A 2013 study determined that of Virginia’s 2,030 school buildings; 60% were more than 40 years old, 40 percent were more than 50 years old. (212 opened before World War II). Loudoun has 15 buildings more than 50 years old. Fairfax and Richmond were documented as having 147-9 40-plus-year-old buildings.

- Senate School Facility Modernization subcommittee estimates it will cost $3 billion to $4 billion to modernize the state’s schools.

- The committee proposes using a combination of internet sales tax revenue (newly able to be collected under the Wayfair decision) and historic tax credits to help fund aging school building renovation

- Open Questions: How will funding be assigned and prioritized (e.g composite index, type, CTE driver) and will there be terms/conditions or a match?
2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

I. 2019 Legislative Priority Positions

1. Requests that the State direct the Virginia Board of Education to authorize School Divisions of Innovation (SDIs), with demonstrated capacity and interest, to enhance assessment and accountability of student learning by replacing select SOL exams at select schools (elementary and middle school science, Virginia Studies, and Civics and Economics) with locally scored and externally validated performance assessments.

Staff Recommendation: Keep

L&P Committee Vote:

2. Requests that the General Assembly determine the financial impacts of legislation on local school districts and fully compensate school districts for state directed mandates. When the Commonwealth considers a program important enough to mandate, it should consider the mandate important enough to fund.

Staff Recommendation: Keep

L&P Committee Vote:

II. Other 2019 Legislative Positions

3. Supports legislation to grant local school boards control of their academic calendars, including the ability to set the date for the opening of the school year.

Staff Recommendation: Keep

L&P Committee Vote:
4. Supports changes to the Code of Virginia that would permit a school board to institute legal action or proceedings without obtaining the consent of the local governing body.

**Staff Recommendation:** Omit

**L&P Committee Vote:**

5. Supports changes to the Code of Virginia that would permit a local school board to purchase real estate without the possibility of the property being subject to unrecorded equitable servitudes, easements, negative easements or any other undocumented encumbrances.

**Staff Recommendation:** Omit

**L&P Committee Vote:**

6. Supports the continued use of the Cost of Competing factor in the reimbursement formula for Planning District Eight.

**Staff Recommendation:** Keep

**L&P Committee Vote:**

7. Supports the removal of positions directly related to instruction in the classroom from the SOQ Support Position Cap.

**Staff Recommendation:** Keep

**L&P Committee Vote:**
8. Supports legislation that allows local school boards to retain any unspent appropriations in a school board’s operating budget from one fiscal year to the operating budget of the following fiscal year.

**Staff Recommendation:** Omit?

**L&P Committee Vote:**

9. Supports revision to legislation to allow long term substitutes to fill absences for up to 125 days without a waiver to align with Virginia Retirement System’s Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP) and minimize disruptions to instruction.

**Staff Recommendation:** Omit (bill passed)

**L&P Committee Vote:**

10. Supports legislative changes that would either generally permit the hiring of school board’s immediate family members provided that the certification requirements of Section 2.2-3119 of the Code of Virginia are retained (member certifies no involvement in the hiring and Superintendent certifies decision based on merit and fitness by competitive rating of qualifications); or, add Planning District 8 (includes Loudoun, Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William and several cities and towns) to the six (6) Planning Districts for which a statutory exception currently exists.

**Staff Recommendation:** Omit (bill passed)

**L&P Committee Vote:**

11. Supports legislative changes to specifically permit school board members to participate in transactions (e.g. budget, benefits, personnel policies and related discussions) when school board’s immediate family members are employed by the school board and are in a group of three or more persons to be affected by the
transaction and the required public disclosures required by subsection H of Section 2.2-3115 shall be fully satisfied by listing school board immediate family members employment in the annual financial disclosure form in Section 2.2-3117.

**Staff Recommendation: Keep**

**L&P Committee Vote:**

12. Support legislative changes to Item 130.D, Appropriation Act - Standards of Learning; Verified Credits in History and Social Science, so that a performance-based assessment MAY be the instrument through which divisions verify a History/Social Science credit for students in high school. The performance-based assessment for the single high school history/social science credit requiring verification should be allowed in ANY required course: World History I, World Geography, World History II, US/VA History, or US/VA Government.

**Staff Recommendation: New**

**L&P Committee Vote:**

13. Moving Election Days (EH to draft)

**Staff Recommendation: New**

**L&P Committee Vote:**

14. Additional Funding for School Counselors

**Staff Recommendation: New**

**L&P Committee Vote:**
# ELECTION CALENDAR FOR LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS / 2018-2019 through 2022-2023

## 2018-2019 School Year

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*Depending upon the outcome of the November 6 election - if a vacancy occurs, a "Special Election" may be called.

- **Primary Election (if held)**: Tuesday, June 11, 2019
  - Students last day: June 7, 2019
  - Graduations:
    - June 11: Chauncey - 9A / Riverside - 8A / Tuscarora - 8A
    - Graduation Equipment Delivery:
    - June 10: 7:30p / Loudoun County - 8A / Potomac Falls - 9A / Rock Ridge - 7P

## 2019-2020 School Year

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## 2020-2021 School Year

| General Election            | Tuesday, November 3, 2020  | 72 Schools |
| Primary Election, if held   | Tuesday, June 8, 2021      | TBD**      |
|                             | Student Attendance: TBD     |         |

## 2021-2022 School Year

| General Election            | Tuesday, November 2, 2021  | 72 Schools |
|                             | Non-attendance Day         |         |
| Town Election               | Tuesday, May 3, 2022       | Two (2) Schools: Emerick Elementary |
|                             | Student Attendance: TBD    | Round Hill Center |
| Primary Election, if held   | Tuesday, June 14, 2022     | TBD**      |
|                             | Student Attendance: TBD    |         |

## 2022-2023

| General Election            | Tuesday, November 8, 2022  | 72 Schools |
| Primary Election, if held   | Tuesday, June 13, 2023     | TBD**      |
|                             | Student Attendance: TBD    |         |

**The June "Primary Election" may be called by the political party for a Senate District, a House District or an Election District. The schools to serve as a polling site is dependent upon the type of election to be held.**
Confirmed and Potential Election Dates

Confirmed: November "General Election"
   May "Town Elections"
Potential: March "Primary Election"
   June "Primary Election"
Anytime: "Special Election"

LOUDOUN COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
194 Day Calendar
Teachers

2018-2019
CALENDAR USED FOR SAMPLE PURPOSES ONLY

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

LEGEND

CS County-Wide Staff Development Day
F First Day for Students
H Holiday
L Last Day for Students
MP Moveable Planning/Records/Conference Day
NH New Hire Workday
P Planning/Records/Conference Day
SD In School Staff Development/School Improvement Day
TI New to Profession Teacher Institute

Town Election held every two years 2020, 2022, 2024
Proposal to move to third Tuesday in June.

Election, "Super Tuesday" - held on even number years 2020, 2024, 2028

MONTHS CALENDAR DAYS  STUDENT DAYS

JULY 0 0
AUGUST 13 7
SEPTEMBER 19 19
OCTOBER 22 21
NOVEMBER 19 17
DECEMBER 14 14
JANUARY 21 20
FEBRUARY 19 19
MARCH 21 20
APRIL 17 16
MAY 22 22
JUNE 7 5
Total Days 194 180

BEGIN DATE 9/23/2018
END DATE 6/7/2019

5 WEEK GRADING PERIOD ENDING DATES

DATES DAYS
November 2, 2018 49
January 17, 2019 41
March 28, 2019 47
June 7, 2019 43
H.R. 1094 - Weekend Voting Act

115th Congress (2017-2018) | Get alerts


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Introduced in House (02/15/2017)

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1094

To change the date for regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office to the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November in every even-numbered year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Ms. Slaughter (for herself, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Swalwell of California, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Kihuen, Mr. Hastings, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Ms. Meng, Mr. Ellison, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Polis, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Ms. Stewart of Alabama, Ms. Speier, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Butler, and Mrs. Napolitano) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To change the date for regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office to the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November in every even-numbered year.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Weekend Voting Act".

SEC. 2. WEEKEND VOTING FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.

(a) Elections for House of Representatives and Senate.—Section 25 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 7) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. DATES AND TIME OF ELECTIONS.

(a) Dates of Election.—The first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November, in every even numbered year, are established as the dates for the election in each of the States of Representatives and Delegates to the next Congress commencing after the dates of the election.

(b) Hours of Operation of Polling Places.—Each State shall by law establish the hours of operation for polling places in the State on the dates of election established under subsection (a).

(c) State Defined.—In this section, the term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

(b) Elections for President and Vice President.—

(1) In General.—Section 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§1. Date and time of appointing electors

(a) Dates of Election.—The electors of President and Vice President shall be appointed in each State, on the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November, in every fourth year succeeding every election of a President and Vice President.

(b) Hours of Operation of Polling Places.—Each State shall by law establish the hours of operation for polling places in the State on the dates of election established under subsection (a)."

(2) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1 and inserting the following:
"1. Date and time of appointing electors."

(c) **No Interference With Religious Practices.**—It is the sense of Congress that the holding of elections over a weekend, as established by this Act, should be carried out in a manner which does not interfere with religious practices.

(d) **Cost Savings.**—It is the sense of Congress that the holding of elections over a weekend, as established by this Act, should result in cost savings to the American taxpayer.

(e) **Effective Date.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office beginning with the elections held in November 2018.
A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-311, 24.2-503, 24.2-507, 24.2-510, 24.2-515, and 24.2-515.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; date of June primary election.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-311, 24.2-503, 24.2-507, 24.2-510, 24.2-515, and 24.2-515.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-311. Effective date of decennial redistricting measures; elections following decennial redistricting.

A. Legislation enacted to accomplish the decennial redistricting of congressional and General Assembly districts required by Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia shall take effect immediately. Members of Congress and the General Assembly in office on the effective date of the decennial redistricting legislation shall complete their terms of office. The elections for their successors shall be held at the November general election next preceding the expiration of the terms of office of the incumbent members and shall be conducted on the basis of the districts set out in the legislation to accomplish the decennial redistricting. However, (i) if the decennial redistricting of congressional districts has not been enacted and approved for implementation pursuant to § 5 of the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965 before January 1 of the year of the election for statewide office, the previously enacted congressional districts shall remain in effect for the purpose of meeting the petition signature requirements set out in §§ 24.2-506, 24.2-521, 24.2-543, and 24.2-545 and (ii) any reference on a petition to the usual primary date of the second third Tuesday in June shall not be cause to invalidate the petition even though the date of the primary may be altered by law.

B. Ordinances adopted by local governing bodies to accomplish the decennial redistricting of districts for county, city, and town governing bodies required by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Virginia shall take effect immediately. Members of county, city, and town governing bodies in office on the effective date of a decennial redistricting measure shall complete their terms of office. The elections for their successors shall be held at the general election next preceding the expiration of the terms of office of the incumbent members and shall be conducted on the basis of the districts set out in the measures to accomplish the decennial redistricting.

C. If a vacancy in any such office occurs after the effective date of a decennial redistricting measure and a special election is required by law to fill the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled from the district in the decennial redistricting measure which most closely approximates the district in which the vacancy occurred.

D. If a decennial redistricting measure adopted by a local governing body adds one or more districts and also increases the size of the governing body, an election for the additional governing body member or members to represent the additional district or districts for the full or partial term provided by law shall be held at the next November general election in any county or in any city or town that regularly elects its governing body in November pursuant to § 24.2-222.1, or at the next May general election in any other city or town, which occurs at least 120 days after the effective date of the redistricting measure.

E. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of a decennial redistricting measure and the provisions of the charter of any locality, the provisions of the redistricting measure shall be deemed to override the charter provisions to the extent required to give effect to the redistricting plan.

§ 24.2-503. Deadlines for filing required statements; extensions.
The written statements of qualification and economic interests shall be filed by (i) primary candidates not later than the filing deadline for the primary, (ii) all other candidates for city and town offices to be filled at a May general election by 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March, (iii) candidates in special elections by the time of qualifying as a candidate, and (iv) all other candidates by 7:00 p.m. on the second third Tuesday in June.

A statement shall be deemed to be timely filed if it is mailed postage prepaid to the appropriate office by registered or certified mail and if the official receipt therefor, which shall be exhibited on demand, shows mailing within the prescribed time limits.

The State Board may grant an extension of any deadline for filing either or both written statements and shall notify all candidates who have not filed their statements of the extension. Any extension shall be granted for a fixed period of time of ten days from the date of the mailing of the notice of the extension.

§ 24.2-307. Deadlines for filing declarations and petitions of candidacy.

For any office, declarations of candidacy and the petitions therefor shall be filed according to the following schedule:

1. For a general election in November, by 7:00 p.m. on the second third Tuesday in June;

2. For a general election in May, by 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March;

3. For a special election held at the same time as a November general election, either (i) at least 81 days before the election or (ii) if the special election is being held at the second November election after the vacancy occurred, by 7:00 p.m. on the second third Tuesday in June before that November election;

4. For a special election held at the same time as a May general election, by 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March; or

5. For a special election held at a time other than a general election, (i) at least 60 days before the election or (ii) within five days of any writ of election or order calling a special election to be held less than 60 days after the issuance of the writ or order.

§ 24.2-510. Deadlines for parties to nominate by methods other than primary.

For any office, nominations by political parties by methods other than a primary shall be made and completed in the manner prescribed by law according to the following schedule:

1. For a general election in November, by 7:00 p.m. on the second third Tuesday in June;

2. For a general election in May, by 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March;

3. For a special election held at the same time as a November general election, either (i) at least 81 days before the election or (ii) if the special election is held at the second November election after the vacancy occurred, by 7:00 p.m. on the second third Tuesday in June before that November election;

4. For a special election held at the same time as a May general election, by 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March; or

5. For a special election held at a time other than a general election, (i) at least 60 days before the election or (ii) within five days of any writ of election or order calling a special election to be held less than 60 days after the issuance of the writ or order.

In the case of all general elections a party shall nominate its candidate for any office by a nonprimary method only within the 47 days immediately preceding the primary date established for nominating candidates for the office in question. This limitation shall have no effect, however, on nominations for special elections or pursuant to § 24.2-539.
§ 24.2-515. Presidential election year primaries.

Primaries for the nomination of candidates for offices to be voted on at the general election date in November shall be held on the second third Tuesday in June next preceding such election, except that beginning with the year 2012 and in presidential election years thereafter, primaries to choose among presidential candidates may be held as provided in Article 7 (§ 24.2-544 et seq.). Primaries for the nomination of candidates for offices to be voted on at the general election date in May shall be held on the first Tuesday in March next preceding such election.

§ 24.2-515.1. Schedule for primaries in the year 2001 and each tenth year thereafter.

Primaries for the nomination of candidates for the offices listed in Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia to be voted on at the general election in November 2001 and each tenth year thereafter shall be held on the second third Tuesday in June next preceding such election notwithstanding any special primary schedule enacted for any other office.