



Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

August slipped away into a moment in time. I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the school year. This month, I attended the National Democratic Convention along with the Virginia delegation. The excitement about our Democratic Presidential ticket led by Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz was palatable in Chicago and across our district in Fairfax.

Before long, the 2025 General Assembly Session will be upon us, and I am currently preparing draft legislation. Applications have opened for the Senate Page Program. Applicants seeking admission must be 13 or 14 years of age on January 8th and a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. More information on the Senate Page Program can be found below.

I hope you will read further for important community updates on the public hearing for the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

regarding Data Centers, the opening of a new DMV Select office, and the expansion of Fairfax County's Speed Camera program.



Democratic National Convention



I was excited to attend the Democratic National Convention along with the Virginia delegation. It was an incredible and inspiring week. Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz are the right ticket to lead us into our next American chapter. Let's work together to get this done with JOY!!



NCSL Legislative Summit



Last month, I attended the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Legislative Summit in Louisville, Kentucky. The NCSL allows state legislators access to the latest in bipartisan policy research, training resources, and technical assistance. I serve on the Standing Committee on Education and was able to vote on directive and resolutions that help shape education policy nationwide.



Meeting the delegation from India at the NCSL Summit.

Changes to Public School Accreditation



Last week, the Virginia Board of Education voted to adopt wide-sweeping changes to the Virginia public school accreditation system. The new system will publicly rank each Virginia school in one of four performance categories: distinguished, on track, off track, and needs intensive support. This new “Accountability System” would likely label 70% of Virginia’s public schools as “off track” or “needs intensive support.” **This is a ploy to convince you that Virginia’s public schools are failing while Virginia’s students have performed above average in SATs and the Nation’s Report Card.** The goal is the privatization of our public schools without addressing the real achievement gaps in our schools.

During my time on the Fairfax School Board, the Youngkin administration tried to bankrupt our school system with one frivolous lawsuit and inquiry after another. We stopped him then, and we will stop him again from harming our public schools.

Kamala is a brat(wrust)



It’s Brat Summer! I enjoyed the “Kamala is a brat(wrust)” at Willard’s Real BBQ in Chantilly with my staff earlier this month. We love the support for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz!



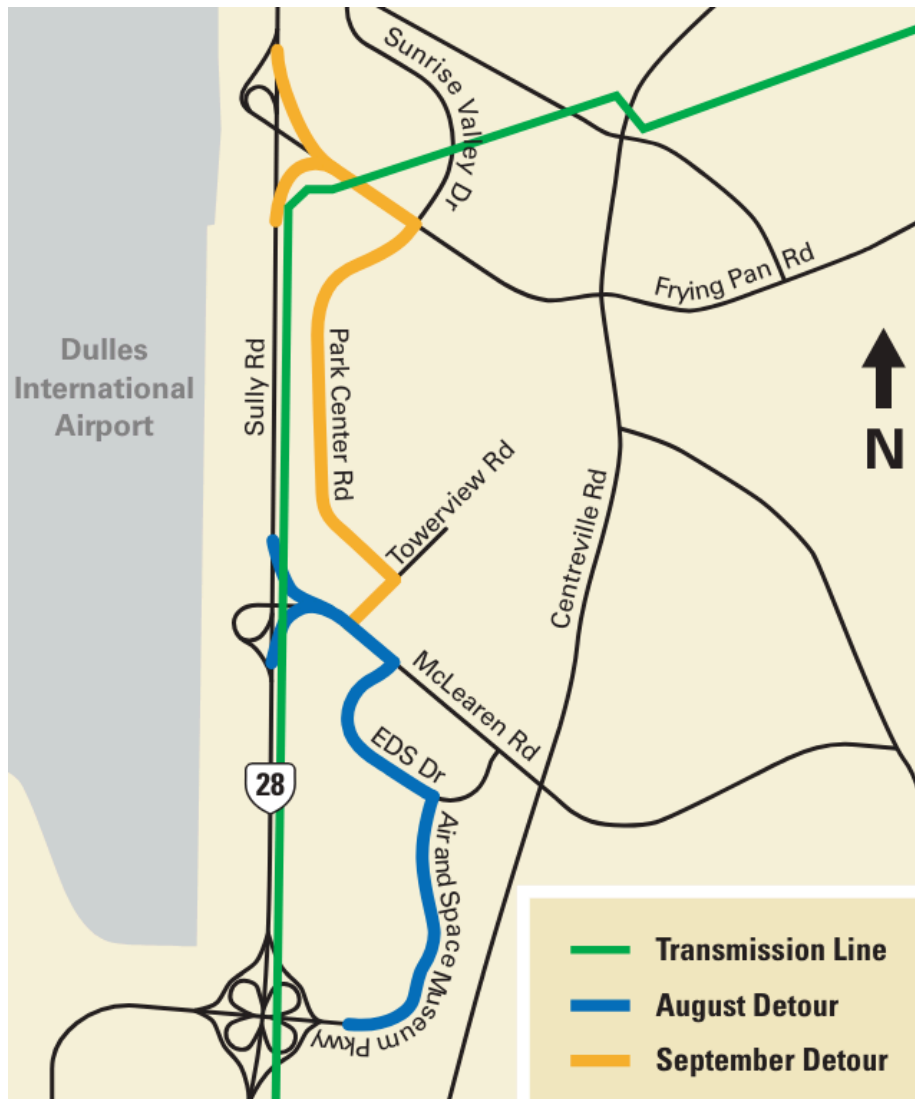
Apply for the Senate Page Program



The Senate Page Program is a dynamic, engaging and educational experience that honors and preserves the tradition of service to the legislature. Senate Pages have served the upper chamber of the legislature since at least 1850.

Applicants should discuss the program requirements and demands as a family prior to starting the application. In addition, the applicant must also discuss the program with the appropriate school personnel such as principals, school counselors and teachers. **Applicants seeking admission must be 13 or 14 years of age on the first day of session (second Wednesday in January) and a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia.** Families can learn more about the Senate Page program at the [Prospective Senate Page Portal](#).

Transportation Updates



Loudoun Junction – Dulles Reconductor Project

There will be temporary traffic disruptions along Route 28 starting this month through September due to Dominion Energy's Loudoun Junction-Dulles Reconductor Project. From July through September,

Dominion will reconductor a portion of this line close to Route 28 (Sully Road). To ensure everyone's safety while they work on the line over the roadways, traffic will be paused or rerouted to an approved detour. Temporary traffic disruptions will only occur on Saturday and Sunday mornings from sunrise to 9:00 a.m.

September 7 - September 22, 2024

- Detours of Route 28 / McLearen Road on and off ramps ([see map](#))

Signs and flaggers will be in place to direct travelers during these times. Please call 888-291-0190, email powerline@dominionenergy.com, or visit the [project webpage](#) for more information.

Community Resources



Save the Date, Rescheduled Public Hearing on Data Centers

There will be a new Fairfax County Board of Supervisors public hearing on **September 10th** on the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding Data Centers.

For more information on the proposed amendment and for the latest information regarding public hearings, please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/data-centers>.



New DMV Select Office in Tysons

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is partnering with AAA Tysons Corner to open a DMV Select office on September 3. The new DMV Select, located at 8300 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 110, will offer vehicle-only transactions. Services available include vehicle titles and registrations, license plates and decals, disabled parking placards, transcripts and more.

The new AAA Tysons Corner DMV Select will be open for walk-in service Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Manager Caty Gutierrez has dedicated two windows for DMV customers, supporting the Tysons Corner Customer Service Center.



Expanding Speed Cameras in School Zones

Fairfax County's Speed Camera Pilot program [launched in February 2023](#) to enhance roadway safety in nine school zones. Following the program's successful trial period, it will expand to include fifty additional locations over the next few months. A detailed overview of the program is available via the [meeting recording](#) of the Board of Supervisors' Safety and Security Committee meeting on July 23. For a list of camera locations and more information, please visit the [Speed Camera program website](#).



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RetirePath Virginia is revolutionizing retirement savings for thousands of Virginians, offering a brighter and more secure future. Established by state legislation, Virginia's automatic-enrollment, state-facilitated retirement savings program opened in 2023. It's a game-changer for private-sector workers in every corner of the Commonwealth.

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Virginians now have a powerful tool to help them invest in their future. With RetirePath, a brighter, more secure retirement is within reach for all. Learn more at RetirePathVA.com.

RetirePath VA is mandatory for certain Virginia employers. Newly Eligible Businesses: RetirePath sends a series of notifications to eligible employers when it's time to register. **For businesses eligible**

in 2024, the registration deadline is October 30, 2024. Previously Notified Businesses: For businesses eligible in 2023, the registration deadline has passed. Non-compliant employers are subject to enforcement action, which may include financial penalties. Check eligibility at RetirePathVA.com.

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