**Questionnaire for School Board Candidates Seeking Endorsement**

Fairfax County Democratic Committee—2023 Elections

*Please return to FCDC electronically by email to your* [*filing point of contact*](https://www.fairfaxdemocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-FCDC-Endorsement-Form.pdf#page=2) *when you file your other filing materials and no later than 5 pm on April 6, 2023.*

Name: **<NAME>**

District or At-Large: <DISTRICT/AT-LARGE>

***Provide a brief background statement that demonstrates why you believe you are best suited to serve on the Fairfax County School Board. This should include, but is not limited to, the following:***

* Why you decided to run for this office
* Your professional, educational, and public service background
* Your background in education (as a student, teacher, staff, etc.)
* Any personal connections to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
* What you believe the role and responsibility of a School Board member to be

<BACKGROUND STATEMENT>

***Answer the following questions. Please try to limit responses to each question to no more than half of a single-spaced page.***

1. Please list and explain your top five priorities if elected.
	1. <ANSWER>
	2. <ANSWER>
	3. <ANSWER>
	4. <ANSWER>
	5. <ANSWER>
2. Over the last few years, there has been increased scrutiny on public schools. Concurrently, nationwide we are seeing attrition among teachers and staff at exceptionally high levels and unusually high numbers of teachers terminating their contracts mid-year. How can we ensure that FCPS operates in a way that attracts and retains a robust, exceptional, and diverse teaching and administrative force?

<ANSWER>

1. Fairfax County Public Schools serves over 180,000 students from diverse backgrounds including religious and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ students, students with disabilities, profoundly gifted students, twice exceptional students, and students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. How will you ensure that every FCPS student is “met by name and by need?”

<ANSWER>

1. While the school board is a nonpartisan role, in the current political climate, public education has been subject to a great deal of partisan politicization and FCPS has seen a great deal of national media coverage. Are you prepared for this? How will you manage this both professionally and personally?

<ANSWER>

1. What challenges need to be overcome for FCPS to close opportunity and achievement gaps in accordance with the One Fairfax policy framework?

<ANSWER>

1. What are some things you want to learn more about that can help you serve the school division?

<ANSWER>

1. Members of the School Board are expected to engage with and take input from students, parents, teachers, and other community members. How would you stay connected with the school community to ensure FCPS’s governance is in line with community priorities?

<ANSWER>