



ANNE DONOHUE

AT-LARGE

REPRESENTATIVE

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Get to Know Your At-Large Board Member

Anne Donohue is the At-Large Board Member, representing all of Loudoun County. She grew up in southern Illinois, where she attended K-12 public schools and earned a scholarship to study at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia, where she obtained a summa cum laude, dual bachelor's degree in German and Classical Studies. She then obtained her J.D. from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York. Anne has been practicing law since 2005.

Anne worked as a law clerk at the Superior Court of Massachusetts and Massachusetts Appeals Court. She then represented her community as an appellate prosecutor for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in Massachusetts for six and a half years.

In 2014, Anne was honored to join the U.S. Department of Justice's National Security Division. After six years at NSD – working as a line attorney, supervisor and on a two-year detail to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence – Anne transferred to DOJ's Civil Division. She left the Department in the fall of 2023. Anne is an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School and spent several years as a volunteer ESL instructor.

Anne has been an active volunteer in the Loudoun community for years, working with Loudoun Moms Demand Action, Loudoun NAACP, Loudoun League of Women Voters, Loudoun County

Animal Services, Loudoun 4H, Loudoun Chorale, Northern Virginia Cake4Kids, local youth sports, her children's school and St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. Anne lives in the Leesburg area with her spouse, their two children, ages 6 and 10, plus three cats, a rabbit, a guinea pig, a peacock, five chickens and two beehives.

Social Media Links

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Anne's Committees

- Chair of the **Student Services Committee** which is responsible for oversight and policy recommendations in the areas of special education and other student support services. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Member of the **Legislative, Audit & Policy Committee** which is responsible for initiating, recommending and monitoring the School Board's legislative program. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Member of the **Human Resources and Talent Development Committee** which is responsible for providing oversight and policy recommendations in personnel-related matters. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month from 3:30 p.m to 4:30 p.m.

You can see all the School Board Committees and find the dates of their next meetings via the [School Board Committee's Page on the LCPS Website](#). All Committee Meetings are held at the [LCPS Administration Building](#). You are always welcome at any meeting not marked "Closed Session" and public comment can be given at Committee meetings just like at the bimonthly General School Board Meetings. Meetings agendas are posted at least 3 days before the session. You can sign up to speak when you arrive at the Committee Meeting of interest. Committee meetings are not live-streamed, but are audio-recorded; minutes and audio recordings from earlier meetings can be accessed through BoardDocs.

Loudoun Education Foundation

Anne is also the School Board Representative for the Loudoun Education Foundation (LEF). LEF's goal and mission is to ensure every student can reach their full potential by leveraging community resources and provide programs and opportunities to both students and educators. Please learn more about LEF and its amazing work across Loudoun County, and see how YOU can get involved, by visiting their website at: <https://www.loudouneducationfoundation.org/>

School Board Appreciation Month



In February, as part of School Board Appreciation Month, high school students across the county showcased their gratitude in heartfelt ways during the 4th Tuesday February School Board meeting. Hand-drawn cards full of thanks and admiration were presented to the Board. Additionally, the schools expressed their appreciation by gifting the Board Members cozy sweatshirts bearing the names of various schools within the member's district.

List of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Highlights

- Student Holiday: Tuesday 3/5
- Community Listening Session with LCPS Superintendent at Riverside High School: [Wednesday 3/6 at 5:00 p.m.](#) for Staff and [Wednesday 3/6 at 7:00 p.m.](#) for Families

Event Information

General 2nd Tuesday School Board Meeting

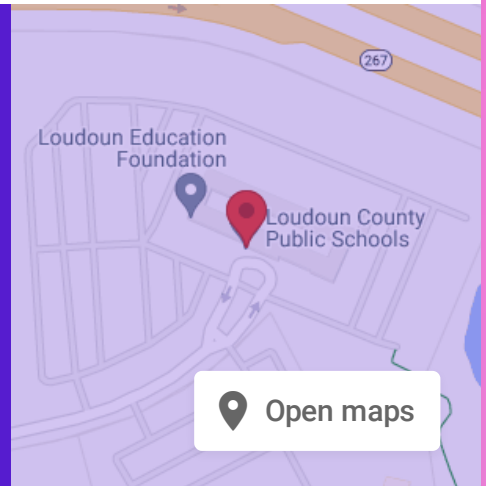
[More Information](#)

When?

Tuesday, Mar 12, 2024, 04:30 PM

Where?

Loudoun County Public Schools, Education Court, Ashburn, VA, USA



- Legislative, Audit & Policy Committee Meeting: [Thursday 3/21 at 2:00 p.m.](#)
- Human Resources and Talent Development Committee Meeting: [Thursday 3/21 at 3:30 p.m.](#)
- Student Services Committee Meeting: [Thursday 3/21 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

FY25 Budget Adoption

On February 6, I voted to adopt the FY25 Operating Budget, as amended. I am particularly proud of a few changes the Board made, and I would like to highlight those items. First, the Board agreed to designate teachers and conduct an assessment of needs in support of the return of Virtual Distance Learning Elementary Program (VDLE). As a Board, we have heard from many parents whose students thrived in the program, which was eliminated last year. This amendment is the first step to hopefully restarting the program next fall. We also voted to add 2 Adaptive Physical Education teachers. Adaptive PE teachers are certified to teach students with an IEP requirement for specialized physical education instruction to participate in class. Finally, we voted to implement a full expansion of Full-Day Starting Towards Excellence in Preschool (STEP) instead of a partial rollout. This will allow more Loudoun preschool students to participate in the program sooner, a big win for our littlest learners!