



# LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

21000 Education Court  
Ashburn, VA 20148

Loudoun Education Alliance of Families (LEAF)  
Committee Meeting  
*Lauren Shernoff, Chair*

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

**April 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

### **Board Members and Staff Present:**

Lauren Shernoff, Leesburg District; Joan Sahlgren, Dr. Christina Arpante, Wendy King, Derek Farrey and Kimberly Goodlin

### **Committee Members Present:**

Ashburn District: Lori Bryant, Jessica Chalamalasetti, Payal Umbralkar and Bill Wright

Central Loudoun: Erin Brown, Cheri Colby, Colin Doniger, Laura Karwoski, Karen Miller, Melanie Srivisal and Chris Woodruff

County-wide: Kate Davinroy (Alt)

Dulles North: Thais Jones

Dulles South: Rob Clay, Kristina Donahue, Laurel Janardhan and Doug Morford

Eastern Loudoun: Kerry Kidwell, Hayley Stenger and Lydia Taylor

Western Loudoun: Jen Mecker and Kathy Summers

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Ashburn District: Mital Gandhi, Candice Hillman, Dena Kozanas, Kelly Lalumondier, Christen Miller, Lydia Sorenson, Akanksha Thakur and Kevin Travis

Central Loudoun: Hollie Fischer-McTiernan, Nathan Hollenbach, Angelica Lunney, Nikki Maples-Reynolds and Sara Monteleone

County-wide: Ian Frame, David Jenkins and Jennifer Johnson

Dulles North: Debasish Chowdhuri, Jewelyn Cosgrove, Erika Daly, Kate Gonzalez, Julie Goodrich, Jennifer Molina, Satish Narala, Fnu Nitika, Elisa Reinhardt and Justin Rowberry

Dulles South: Leah Macchiarolo, Jeannette Mahood, Elissa McCarroll, Bradley McKinney, Meredith Ray and Minjin Yuh

Eastern Loudoun: Melody Caprio, Rachel Coehlo, Deidre Gambrell, Ana Hussey, Anne Morgan, Abigail Pham, Kayce Pierce, Kelly Sanchez and Anneleah Williams-Bridges

Western Loudoun: Jennifer Del Grande, Sarah Dorosky, Kelly Michon, Abbie Platt and Leigh Scott

#### **1. Call to Order**

#### **2. Public Comment**

No public comments.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the March 18, 2024, LEAF meeting were approved unanimously with no revisions.

#### **4. Information Items**

- **School Board Update** – School Board Representative, Lauren Shernoff, Leesburg District, addressed the Alliance members. Ms. Shernoff discussed LEAF communication, feedback and the behind-the-scenes steps to share what was received. Ms. Shernoff plans to work with the LEAF Chair to integrate a policy review component in every meeting beginning in the Fall.

- **ThoughtExchange: Blue Ribbon Panel** – John Clark, Director of Safety and Security, presented the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP).

The Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety is part of the Superintendent's Forward Together Entry Plan. The panel brought together LCPS leaders in security, facilities and operations, and school administration with community leaders from law enforcement, emergency services, health and mental health providers. The Blue Ribbon Panel evaluated current LCPS protocols concerning physical, technical, cyber security and mental health to identify potential gaps and made recommendations to address those gaps. Mr. Clark asked the Alliance members to review the recommendations and provide their feedback through ThoughtExchange.

- **Collaborative Conversation Activity** – The Alliance members participated in an activity where they could discuss, share productive feedback and help plan for the flow of responsive information to and from our communities.

This month's topics chosen by the Alliance included:

- Wendy King, Supervisor, shared information on Gifted and Talented Education. For more information, visit the [LCPS Gifted & Talented webpage](#).
- Derek Farrey, Assistant Director of Athletics, shared information about the Intramural Sports Program in LCPS. For more information, visit the [LCPS Athletics webpage](#).
- School Board member Lauren Shernoff and LEAF Chair Cheri Colby facilitated a conversation around LEAF meetings and policy information.

This activity produced great conversation and feedback for each presenter.

## 5. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.