
FCSB Candidate - VOICES of Fairfax Questionnaire

Dear School Board Candidate -

VOICES of Fairfax is an organized group of concerned citizens who are closely following the School Board races. We have identified you as a candidate running for either an At Large position or as a representative of your district. Our group would like to hear from you on some important questions below. Please respond to these questions no later than August 30th with your complete answers.

We are sending this questionnaire to ALL candidates running for a position on the Fairfax County School Board.

We will post all answers received on our website - www.voicesoffairfax.org - and may follow up on one or more. Once we have received your answers to these questions, we will give you the opportunity to review and sign our Candidate Pledge supporting our community priorities.

Thank you for your time and interest in representing our communities!

Your full name *

Steven D. Mosley

What is your position on the proposed change to School Board Policy 8130.8 that was presented to the school board on July 22nd, 2019? *

View proposed changes here:

[https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/BDZRXU6E7FD2/\\$file/20190711_Draft_Policy8130_REDLINE.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/BDZRXU6E7FD2/$file/20190711_Draft_Policy8130_REDLINE.pdf)

I am opposed to the "considerations" for boundary adjustments because it uses a "socioeconomic and racial composition" as a measurement to change the boundaries. This is wrong and can only be used to divide the community. As an African American, I want to see equitable access to educational opportunities in every school. The best way to address these inequities is through school choice and open enrollment.

How will One Fairfax affect your decisions as a school board member? *

One Fairfax is an ambiguous equity document that gives principles to how the county should do business, but not which practices one should use. As a Christian, I make every effort to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Equity is a part of the Christian ethic.

Unfortunately, this school board has used the One Fairfax policy to divide us on boundaries instead of using the charge of equity in education to promote solutions that have been proven to bring about equity.

I will focus on solutions that will bring equity such as: reforming our FLE (Sex Ed) program through the "Success Sequence". The Success Sequence is a Brookings Institute Study that states that if a person graduates from high school, get a full-time job, gets married, then have kids, they have 70% chance to go from poverty to the middle class.

Secondly, I would focus on proven and community-supported ways to Bridge the Achievement Gap: such as Restorative Justice, open-enrollment, and opening charter schools. Charter Schools have 65% support in the African American community and 70% support in the Hispanic Community.

How should racial and/or socioeconomic diversity influence establishing or changing school boundaries? *

One's race or size of one's bank account should not influence the establishment of boundaries.

Is there a way to change the CIP process so that it can be more responsive to increases in school enrollment? *

we need to give power back to the parent so that the parents have more control over where their student is educated. I believe the “three circles of choice” method will decrease over-crowding and Bridge the Achievement Gap.

The first circle of choice is where one chose to buy their home. It is the right for every parent to send their child to school in their own neighborhood/community. This will ensure that we will not make the mistakes of Loudoun County who used cross-town busing as a mechanism to handle over-crowding. Cross-town busing is not the answer. It failed in Loudoun County and we must first assure the parents of Fairfax County that we will not use cross-town busing here.

The second circle of choice is known as open enrollment. After the first circle (the priority circle) has registered for their neighborhood school. If there are any open seats, any parent in Fairfax County can sign their student up for any school within our county that is not over-crowded.

The third circle of choice requires the creation of Charter Schools in Fairfax County. Charter Schools generally provide options to those who cannot afford high-priced tutors or private school and has a successful track record of Bridging the Achievement Gap.

After we have implemented the three circles of choice in Fairfax County we will see where our schools are truly over-crowded and need adjustments. We then go to the community for input on the available options: more trailers, redistricting, new school buildings, etc. We monitor the process yearly and prioritize the most over-crowded schools.

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