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VIA E-MAIL

Dear Members of the Fairfax County Delegation,

We are writing to request your assistance in addressing several serious issues about how Virginia handles information sharing regarding the arrest and/or conviction of persons between jurisdictions, with the state, as well as across state lines. These issues have come to light due to a troubling circumstance regarding a Glasgow Middle School counselor.

There is no higher priority than the safety of our students and we want to make it clear that this situation is unacceptable from any perspective. Fairfax County Public Schools is undertaking an independent investigation and review of its procedures and is committed to making systemic changes. That investigation continues. Separately, recent media reports have highlighted several systemic issues regarding the state's current laws and procedures governing notification of such incidents.

Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools would like to partner with you in the development and implementation of a more centralized and standardized state reporting and notification system. Such a solution will require significant deliberation and consideration of many factors affecting law enforcement agencies and school divisions across the Commonwealth. We welcome a discussion of the limitations of current laws and practices.

To address individuals who have been arrested or convicted in other states and may come to Virginia for employment by local school divisions, we are ready to assist our representatives in Congress in conducting a similarly thoughtful review of potential solutions and revisions to current federal laws and practices. We are emailing them this letter and encouraging them to consider such a review.

We stand ready to work with you on meaningful reforms to help protect our students and community with the hopes of preventing a situation like this from happening again.

Sincerely,

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