

## SANDY'S MESSAGE - BUDGET BLAST

As you are aware, the school board has adopted Dr. Hatrick's proposed operating budget and the LCPS budget allocation is now in the hands of our board of supervisors. Some important components of the school board's adopted budget are no RIFs (Reduction in Force), and a 1% COLA (cost of living allowance) for all employees. It is important to note there is currently no step increase for employees and there is an increase in class size of one student per class.

I am sure you are all keenly aware of the difficult economic times we are in and continue to navigate through. It is **essential that your voice be heard loud and clear by the supervisors**, as they are the ones who determine the allocation to the schools, which directly impacts the school board's ability to fund programs, accommodate increasing student enrollment, compensate employees, etc.

In order to make your voice heard,

please commit to sending at least one email to the supervisors to communicate your support for sufficient funding to Loudoun County Public Schools. Also, plan to attend one of the upcoming board of supervisors' budget hearings. The budget hearings will be held at the Government Center in Leesburg on Wed., Feb. 24 @ 3:30 and 6:30 pm and Thurs., Feb. 25 @ 6:30 pm, if needed. On Sat., Feb. 27 @ 9:30 am, an additional hearing will be held at the LCPS Admin. Bldg. in Ashburn. Please plan to show your support for LCPS children and employees by attending one of the hearings **and** speaking in support of adequate funding. Starting after 2/10 you may call 703-777-0204 to be placed on the speakers list. **Please encourage your colleagues and county citizens to join with you in this important process.**

**Be informed! Be active! Be heard!**

*~Sandy Sullivan, LEA President*



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Remember to return your ballot for the LEA election to your LEA Rep before Feb 19th.

### Keep your eye on the following dates:

**Wed., Feb 24 @ 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm @ Gov't Ctr:** BOS Public Hearing on the budget

**Thurs., Feb 25 @ 6:30 pm (If needed) @ Gov't Ctr:** BOS Public Hearing on the budget

**Sat., Feb 27 @ 9:30 am @ Admin bldg:** BOS Public Hearing on the budget



## VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS BACK IN SESSION

The 2010 session for the Virginia General Assembly began on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Without question, the economic forecast in Virginia is gloomy, at best. While VEA will work diligently to carry out its Legislative Agenda, (see the full agenda at: <http://www.veanea.org/legislative/leg-agenda-2009-10.html>), much of lobbyists' time will likely be spent defending against bad bills. If you read the recent *VEA News*, you got a glimpse at bills we may face that would significantly change the Virginia Retirement System. If you missed that information, we encourage to go to this link on the VEA website to learn more: <http://www.veanea.org/legislative/protect-retirement.html>.

Please remember, your lobbyists can't fight the fight alone – they need *your* participation, too. Legislators really take notice when they hear from their own constituents. The quick and easy way to communicate with them about important education issues is by signing up to be a VEA Cyberlobbyist. To do so, go to: <http://www.veanea.org/legislative/cyberlobbyist.html> and follow the simple instructions. Once you sign up, you will receive an email alert only when your voice is needed most. The alert will tell you what the issue is – what the message needs to be – and how to e-mail your representative. Sign up today, and help us help you!

## FY 2011 School Budget Crisis Looms

*What can YOU do to prevent this?*

1. **Share** your concerns/ the impact with your co-workers, neighbors, and fellow parents
2. **Email** the Board of Supervisors at [bos@loudoun.gov](mailto:bos@loudoun.gov) to share your concerns and speak up for the LCPS budget
3. **Attend** one of the following **budget hearings**:

**Wednesday, Feb. 24 @ 3:30 and 6:30pm** at the Government Center

**Thursday, Feb. 25 @ 6:30pm (If needed)** at the Government Center

**Saturday, Feb. 27 @ 9:30am** at the Administration Bldg, Ashburn, VA 20148



Regional Retirement Seminars

Spring 2010

### **April 7 Fairfax, VA (4:30 - 6:30 pm)**

FEA Building, 3917 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

Pre-registration Required, Go to [www.fairfaxea.org](http://www.fairfaxea.org) and see Retirement Seminar link in the left column

### **April 14 Winchester (5:00 -7:00 pm)**

Wingate by Wyndham, 150 Wingate Drive,  
Winchester, VA 22601

**Be sure to check out all of the NEA Member Benefits available to you at [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com).**

### VEA Board of Directors

Please join us in welcoming the following elected members to the VEA Board.

**William "Mitch" Cunningham, Facilities Services**  
**Sandy Sullivan, LEA President**

