

2024-2026 Executive Board Positions

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With the new term, FCCPTA has several board member opportunities available for those who are interested in taking the next step in their PTA career pathway. Our FCCPTA Executive Board, Advisory Committee Representatives, and Ambassadors provide an important connection between PTA, schools, and family.

Please join our Team and we'll provide training and opportunities for you to represent PTA members in Fairfax County! Complete the [FCCPTA Board Interest form](#) to let us know of your interest!

Advocacy Opportunities

- **Budget:** Monitor, analyze, and share information about FCPS budget.
- **DEI:** Monitors and assess effectiveness of FCPS academic strategies related to closing achievement gaps: Encourage FCPS and FCCPTA to be sensitive of factors that adversely affect school climate that influence positive community and parental involvement.
- **Education:** Monitor activities pertaining to the FCPS instructional plan, including the School Board Governance, Operational Expectations, Interpretations & Indicators, Monitoring Reports, Operating Plan, Standards of Learning (SOL), SOL Assessments.
- **Facilities & Transportation:** Monitor FCPS facilities planning and the Capital improvement Plan (CIP); assist local units to have an appropriate voice in the formation of their school's facility needs and their position on the CIP; encourages local units to make their positions known to the School Board and the Board of Supervisors.
- **Health & Safety:** Advises the FCPS School Board about issues promoting healthy youth in our schools and community; Chair monitors and informs FCCPTA on issues such as later start times, mental health, substance abuse, child abuse, student behavior, safety, family life education, and children's health issues; promotes state and national PTA programs for health, safety, and family engagement.
- **Military Families:** Advocate on behalf of military families within FCPS and connect military families across the county.

Helping PTAs

- **Ambassadors:** Shares information from FCCPTA and FCPS with Ambassadors for them to share with their pyramid leaders.
- **Membership:** Motivate local units to perform membership drives and develop membership drive themes and ideas to share out with local PTAs.
- **Reflections:** Coordinates and oversees the Reflections program for PTAs in FCPS.
- **Spelling Bee:** Coordinate the annual Fairfax County Spelling Bee; Register with Scripps.

Celebrate PTAs

- **Awards:** Give recognition to PTAs doing great work.
- **Grants:** Provide financial support to PTAs to implement their work.
- **Scholarships:** Provide Council Scholarships to eligible graduating seniors.

Advise the FCPS School Board

- **AAPAC:** Represents FCCPTA on the AAPAC FCPS School Board Committee; promotes communication between parents of advanced studies; and monitors FCPS actions regarding advanced learners and provides this information to FCCPTA and parents.
- **ACSD:** This committee examines practices throughout the school division related to providing services at the building level for students with disabilities in grades prek-12 for the purposes of maximizing inclusion in educating students with disabilities in their base school.
- **CTEAC:** Provides advice to the school administration regarding career and technical education programs with initiatives with the aim of maintaining and improving the effectiveness of these courses in providing students with occupational knowledge and skills in preparing them for the workforce.
- **FLECAC:** Represent FCCPTA on FLECAC FCPS School Board Committee; Identify and implement ways FCCPTA can promote the mission of FLECAC; To advise the K-12 health and physical education and FLE curriculum coordinator on Program of Studies development and implementation; Advise curriculum coordinator as goals, objectives, media, and special instructional materials are developed.
- **MSOAC:** Monitors the implementation of FCPS programs, policies, and strategies that affect minority student achievement.
- **SHAC:** The advisory board shall assist with the development of health policy in the school division and the evaluation of the status of school health, health education, the school environment, and health services. SHAC will focus on student anxiety and mental health. We will look for schools modeling approaches that are helping students flourish by promoting mental health for staff, students, and caregivers.

Connect with Fairfax County Government & Community Leaders

- **Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB):** Represent FCCPTA on CAAB; To make a positive difference in the lives of low-income families and individuals in Fairfax County; Mandated by Federal law, the board provides oversight for state and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The grants, along with matching funds from Fairfax County, are used to support community-based initiatives identified through the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool competitive grant process.
 - **Successful Children & Youth Policy Team (SCYPT)** a joint FCPS School Board and Fairfax County Government Committee to ensure all our children and youth thrive and reach their fullest potential; works to guide a Collective Impact approach to improve outcomes for children and youth in our community.
 - **Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN):** TICN is a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency effort to implement and support Trauma Informed Care initiatives across the Human Services System. It is an initiative of the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF FCCPTA POSITIONS BELOW:

FCCPTA Executive Board Advocacy Opportunities

Budget: Monitor and analyze FCPS budget; Bring recommendations to Executive Board for action; Assist local units in formulating position on the FCPS Budget and the County Fiscal Plan; Encourage local units to testify at public hearings on the FCPS Budget and County Fiscal Plan.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Chairs the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee; Works closely with MSAOC Committee Representative, ACSD Committee Representative, and Special Education Liaison; Monitors and assess effectiveness of FCPS academic strategies related to closing the achievement gap between racial, ethnic, and Limited English speaking students; Assists local units in working with schools to respond to the achievement challenges of racial, ethnic, and language minority students; Carry out FCCPTA objectives in Minority Achievement; Encourage FCPS and FCCPTA to be sensitive of factors that adversely affect school climate that influence positive community and parental involvement (increase minority school volunteers).

Education: Monitor activities pertaining to the FCPS instructional plan, including the School Board Governance, Operational Expectations, Interpretations & Indicators, Monitoring Reports, Operating Plan, Standards of Learning (SOL), SOL Assessments, and community involvement in the FCPS curriculum and evaluation process, provide in-depth studies, as authorized by the Executive Board, on specific educational issues; Committee consists of special interest topics and coalitions within FCPS.

Facilities & Transportation: Monitor FCPS facilities planning and the Capital improvement Plan (CIP); assist local units to have an appropriate voice in the formation of their school's facility needs and their position on the CIP; encourages local units to make their positions known to the School Board and the Board of Supervisors; provides reports to Executive Board and General Membership on current topics and issues. Monitor FCPS transportation issues as they relate to health and safety of children on the following but not limited to: Kiss and Ride; Safe Routes to School; Later Start Times; Cost Savings; Assist VP of Advocacy in formulating official positions on transportation and work with Health and Safety Chair on student safety.

Health & Safety: Chairs FCCPTA Health and Safety Committee; advises the FCPS School Board about issues promoting healthy youth in our schools and community; Chair monitors and informs FCCPTA on issues such as later start times, mental health, substance abuse, child abuse, student behavior, safety, family life education, and children's health issues; promotes state and national PTA programs for health, safety, and family engagement. Work with Facilities & Transportation Chair on student health impact.

Military Families: Advocate on behalf of military families within FCPS; connect military families across the county; work with local leaders to develop Military Families Committee and Outreach; Chairs Military Family Committee.

Help Local School PTA/PTSAs

Ambassadors:

Role of Ambassador Chair: Leads Ambassador Committee of 20 Ambassadors (one for each FCPS pyramid); Shares information from FCCPTA and FCPS with Ambassadors for them to share with their pyramid leaders. Also shares information from Ambassadors to FCCPTA and FCPS as needed; Provides trainings to Ambassadors as needed; Works closely with the VP Outreach in assisting local units.

Role of an Ambassador: Provide guidance and support to the PTA leaders in your pyramid; Keep local units in your pyramid up to date on FCPS information; Pass on FCCPTA, VAPTA and National PTA trainings, information and opportunities; Share information from your pyramids (challenges, areas of need or successes) to FCCPTA and/or FCPS; Facilitate pyramid wide local unit meetings as applicable, and meet your School Board Representatives, and Regional FCPS leadership.

Membership: Motivate local units to perform membership drives; Develop membership drive themes and ideas and share out with local unit leaders; assist local units with GiveBacks questions.

Reflections PLUS Reflections Committee Members: Coordinates and oversees Reflections program: provide resource links on council website; chair will provide resources and information to all local PTA leaders to allow them to facilitate the program within their PTA by the following: Facilitate communication about the Reflections program to local Reflections chairs; conduct Reflections program training sessions; coordinate the Reflections program process; implement a recognition program for Reflections winners at the County level; promote the Reflections program through newsletter articles and various means of communication. Committee will coordinate and facilitate advancement of local unit entries to FCCPTA level and then judging and advancement of FCCPTA winning entries to VA PTA.

Spelling Bee: Works closely with the president and VP of Programs to: Coordinate the annual Fairfax County Spelling Bee; Register with Scripps; Maintain a distribution list and communicate with local unit Bee representatives; Publicize the Spelling Bee and results; Identify and develop new Bee sponsors.

Celebrate PTAs!

Awards Chair will assist with:

Awards:

- Recognize our outstanding PTAs, volunteers, Principals, and others worthy of recognition.
- Advertise for Council awards and coordinate the evaluation and selection of awardees in time to submit nominees in mid-April for Virginia PTA recognition. Coordinate an Awards Ceremony for FCCPTA nominees and awardees.
- Assist with nominations for other awards as needed.

Scholarships:

- Recognize outstanding graduating seniors with scholarships for continuing education.
- Advertise the scholarship program and coordinate the evaluation and selection of awardees in time to recognize at the final FCCPTA meeting in early May.

Grants:

- Recognize outstanding PTAs with grants to assist with furthering PTA goals.
- Advertise the National PTA Grants program and assist PTAs with submitting applications in time to meet the early October submission deadline.
- Assist PTAs with nominations for other grants as needed.

Advise the FCPS School Board

Advanced Academics Programs Advisory Committee (AAPAC): Represents FCCPTA on the AAPAC FCPS School Board Committee; promotes communication between parents of advanced studies; and monitors FCPS actions regarding advanced learners and provides this information to FCCPTA and parents.

[Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)

Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD): Represents FCCPTA on the ACSD FCPS School Board Committee; Works closely with Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Chair; The committee should examine practices throughout the school division related to providing services at the building level for students with disabilities in grades prek-12 for the purposes of maximizing inclusion in educating students with disabilities in their base school.

[Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities \(ACSD\) \(2023-24\) | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)

Career & Technical Education Advisory Committee (CTEAC): Represents FCCPTA on the CTEAC FCPS School Board Committee; Each local education agency or region shall establish a general career and technical educational advisory council to the local educational agency (or board) on current job needs and the relevancy of career and technical education programs offered and to assist in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the local plan and application; Provides advice to the school administration regarding career and technical education programs with initiatives with the aim of maintaining and improving the effectiveness of these courses in providing students with occupational knowledge and skills in preparing them for the workforce.

[Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)

Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (FLECAC): Represent FCCPTA on FLECAC FCPS School Board Committee; Identify and implement ways FCCPTA can promote the mission of FLECAC; To advise the K-12 health and physical education and FLE curriculum coordinator on Program of Studies development and implementation; Advise curriculum coordinator as goals, objectives, media, and special instructional materials are developed; Provide a report to Executive Board and General Membership.

[Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)

Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee (MSAOC): Represents FCCPTA on the MSAOC, FCPS School Board Committee; MSAOC monitors the implementation of FCPS programs, policies, and strategies that affect minority student achievement, provides an assessment and consults with minority parent community to keep them informed of these efforts; This committee advocates for minority student achievement by identifying, reviewing, and assessing issues affecting minority student academic achievement within the policies, curriculum, practices, and procedures of FCPS. The committee's responsibilities also include: making appropriate recommendations to the School Board; reviewing strategies and proposing solutions for closing the achievement gap; evaluating progress towards goals set by the School Board for closing the achievement gap; and ensuring outreach to parents and guardians about resources available through FCPS.

[Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee \(MSAOC\) | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)

Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC): FCCPTA Liaison to SHAC; advises the FCPS School Board about issues promoting healthy youth in our schools and community; purpose of SHAC is to assist with promoting healthy youth in our schools and community assists with the development of health policy in the school division and the evaluation of the status of school health, health education, the school environment, and health services.

[School Health Advisory Committee \(SHAC\) \(2023-24\) | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)

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Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB): Represent FCCPTA on CAAB; Identify and implement ways FCCPTA can promote the mission of CAAB; To make a positive difference in the lives of low-income families and individuals in Fairfax County; Advises the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons; and recommends policies that promote meaningful change; Mandated by Federal law, the board provides oversight for state and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The grants, along with matching funds from Fairfax County, are used to support community-based initiatives identified through the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool competitive grant process; The Fairfax County CAAB is composed of 30 seats; 10 appointed by the Board of Supervisors, 10 selected by low-income residents of the county, and 10 represent business, civic and community organizations with an interest in serving individuals and families living in poverty; Provide a report to Executive Board and General Membership.

[Community Action Advisory Board Meetings | Neighborhood and Community Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

Successful Children & Youth Policy Team (SCYPT): Represents FCCPTA on SCYPT- a joint FCPS School Board and Fairfax County Government Committee - in order to become confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens, all of Fairfax County's children need to be safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, included, respected and responsible. This can only be realized if the county, schools, community and families pull together to plan and deliver top-quality services, which overcome traditional boundaries. Membership on the team is divided equally among representatives from Fairfax County Government, FCPS and the community. Two members from both the Board of Supervisors and the School Board will participate. Community members are identified to provide the perspective of various sectors impacting youth well-being, including health care, nonprofit, faith and philanthropy.

[Successful Children and Youth Policy Team \(SCYPT\) | Health and Human Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

TICN: The Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN) is a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency effort to implement and support Trauma Informed Care initiatives across the Human Services System. It is an initiative of the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax.

[Trauma-Informed Community Network | Neighborhood and Community Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)