

Make Your Plan to Vote: School Board At-Large Election on August 29, 2017

School Board At-Large Member Jeanette Hough in June resigned her seat on the Fairfax County School Board; the timing of her resignation triggered the need for a special election. The Special Election will be held on August 29, 2017.

This document is intended to make it easy for you to register, verify registration, update registration, and VOTE in the August 29, 2017 Special Election.

Fairfax County Public Schools for the first time starts before Labor Day--on August 28, 2017. With family vacations, travel, and business needs up to and including on August 29, it's important that you **Make a Plan to Vote**.

ALERT: College Students – make sure you're registered to vote AND vote in-person absentee before you leave for college OR apply to vote absentee-by mail.

ALERT: Fairfax residents who will be 18 by November 7, 2017 **ARE eligible** to vote in the August 29, 2017 Special Election. [Register now](#) and make your voice heard in a race that will impact you most directly -- School Board!

ALERT: You will need a **photo ID** to vote in-person. [Click here](#) for accepted IDs and how to get a photo ID from the Office of Elections if you don't have one.

NOTE: *Information provided here solely pertains to the August 29, 2017 Special Election for Fairfax County School Board At-Large Vacancy. Different voter registration and absentee ballot deadlines apply for the Virginia [November 7, 2017 general election](#).*

REGISTER TO VOTE / UPDATE RECORDS

New Voter? Not Yet Registered? Not Sure of Your Status?

Click on the official [Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal](#) to check your registration status or to register to vote. Register today and you will be ready to vote in both the August 29 Special Election and the November 7 General Election.

Deadline to Register to Vote in the Special Election: August 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.; the online registration deadline is 11:59 p.m.

Moved? Changed Your Name?

To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires you to notify your local voter registration office of any change in your name or address. Specific directions are provided here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>.

Recommended: You can also update your records on the [Virginia Department of Elections secure website](#).

Deadline to Update Address/Name in the Special Election: August 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

MAKE A VOTING PLAN

**Make a Voting Plan for the August 29 Special Election.
There are 3 ways to Vote:**

In-Person Absentee
Absentee Ballot By-Mail
In-Person on August 29

(1) In-Person Absentee Voting

Dates: July 14-August 26

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm;
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: August 26, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

There are [20 reasons](#) that qualify for the need to vote in-person absentee.

(2) Absentee Ballot By Mail

Deadline to Apply: August 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Click on the official [Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal](#) to apply for an Absentee Ballot By Mail.

Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: August 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

There are [20 reasons](#) that qualify for the need for an absentee ballot.

(3) In-Person Voting on August 29, 2017

Vote at your regular polling place. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax County schools begin a week early this year--on August 28, 2017. School will be in session on Special Election Day.

**The Virginia Department of Elections offers this important advice
to voters using U.S. mail service:**

[Notice to voters using US mail service:](#) the USPS delivery standards changed early last year so that First Class delivery went from 1-3 days to 2-5 days and Standard delivery is now 2-9 days. Please take this into consideration as you start thinking about absentee voting.

This is NOT an official Department of Elections/Fairfax County Office of Elections document. It is intended to compile all information in one place. Links to primary resources are provided.