

# Virtual Advocacy Day

2026 General Assembly Session

Monday, February 2, 2026

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

# Welcome!

- [See today's schedule](#) for what to expect!
  - ◆ Break times provided at 9:30am and 11:00am.
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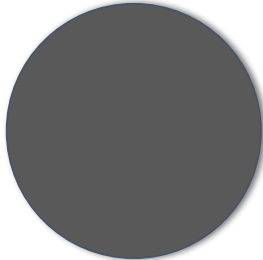
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# The Richmond Delegation

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## Senate of Virginia



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## Virginia House of Delegates



Charlie Schmidt  
House District 77



Betsy Carr  
House District 78



Rae Cousins  
House District 79



Lamont Bagby  
Senate District 14



Mike Jones  
Senate District 15

# Reminders

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# The Newest Delegate from Richmond



Charlie Schmidt  
House District 77

HB1408	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord remedies; rental agreement noncompliance; victim of family abuse.	In Committee	▼
HB1409	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; prohibited provisions in rental agreements; landlord's maintenance responsibilities.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1411	Evidence of defendant's mental condition admissible.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1413	Limitation on sentence upon revocation of suspension of sentence; technical violations.	In Committee	▼
HB1415	Virginia Housing Development Authority; homeowner's insurance; Virginia Residential Landlord Tenant Act; companion animals and certain pets.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1473	Public institutions of higher education; students and campus; restrictions on student speech; limitations.	In Committee	▼
HB1475	Virginia Fungi Task Force established; report.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1476	Law-enforcement civilian oversight bodies; closed meetings; disclosure of certain law-enforcement records.	In Committee	▼
HB1482	Law-enforcement officers; restrictions on wearing of facial coverings; required identification; exceptions; civil liability; penalty.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1500	Civil actions; service of subpoena for certain electronic records.	In Committee	▼

# The Senator from Richmond



Mike Jones  
Senate District 15

SB218	Inmates; Director of Dept. of Corrections, et al., continue accepting application for confinement.	In Senate
SB219	Photo speed monitoring devices; civil penalties, second summons, reports.	In Committee
SB220	High school student athletes; eligibility, residency requirements.	In Committee
SB221	School crossing zones; active times.	In Senate
SB222	Juvenile offenders; expands eligibility for parole.	Continued
SB725	Circuit court clerks; fees; Technology Trust Fund Fee.	In Committee
SB726	Circuit court clerks; fees; Technology Trust Fund Fee.	In Committee
SB727	Carrying loaded firearms in public areas prohibited in the Commonwealth; penalty.	In Committee
SB728	Practice of athletic training; adds dry needling to definition.	In Committee
SB729	Private activity bonds; allocation of state ceiling.	In Committee
SB739	Virginia Youth Empowerment and Mentoring Grant Fund and Program; created and established.	In Committee
SB740	Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Act; fund and council established; report.	In Committee
SB761	Electric and gas utilities; rates and charges for service; political influence activities; promotional advertising; annual report.	In Committee
SB765	Charitable gaming; definition of poker events.	In Senate
SB834	Department of Energy; Virginia Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage Systems Program and tax credit; solar energy and battery energy storage projects.	In Committee

15-Minute Break

We'll be back at 9:45am

# Legislative Briefing

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Matthew Stanley  
RPS Director of  
Advocacy & Outreach

Emma Clark  
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# Legislative Committee

- Informs and develops division policy positions and legislative priorities
- Tracks and advocates for legislation that positively impacts our students, staff, and families
- Join us at our next meeting for a review of the 2026 Session
  - ◆ March 26 at 6:00pm, City Hall



Katie Ricard  
Richmond City School Board  
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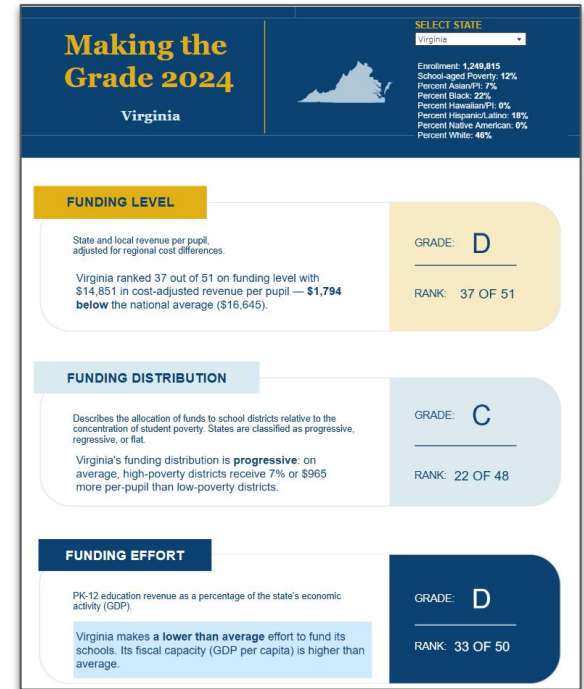
# State (Under)Funding

Although the city can do more to fund RPS, the much larger problem is underfunding by the state.

- Virginia is the **12th wealthiest state** in the nation based on GDP. Meanwhile, we rank **37th for per pupil funding** relative to the national average.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) studied this further and [released a report in 2023](#). Their findings were staggering:

- "Virginia school divisions receive less K–12 funding per student than the 50-state average, the regional average, and three of Virginia's five bordering states (figure). School divisions in other states receive 14 percent more per student than school divisions in Virginia, on average, after normalizing for differences in cost of labor among states. This equates to about **\$1,900** more per student than Virginia."



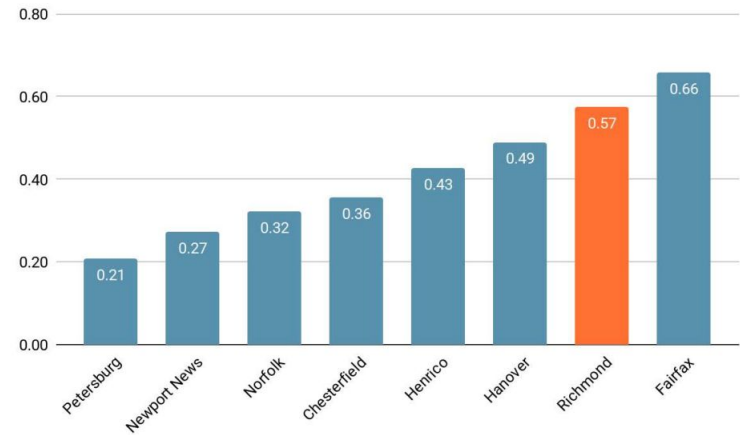
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# The Local Composite Index (LCI)

The LCI judges a locality's ability to pay based on property values, adjusted gross income, and taxable retail sales and for Richmond, it severely overestimates how much RPS can afford to spend.

- In areas with high income inequality, property values and AGI are not really reflective of the general wealth of the locality as a whole, they are reflecting the most wealthy earners and the most valuable property.
- Richmond has one of the [highest rates of income inequality](#) in the state of Virginia.
- Localities with high poverty rates and high density often have much higher costs for public welfare, public works, public safety, and public health – these factors are not included in the calculation for determining the LCI.
- The LCI creates winners and losers; when it goes down for one district, it has to go up for another. This makes it politically very difficult to change.

RVA has the lowest state funding support in Central VA



# School Construction & Modernization Needs

*School facilities and infrastructure funding is an issue across the state of Virginia.*

- More than half of all school buildings in Virginia are more than 50 years old. To replace, update, or rebuild all of those schools would cost roughly \$25 billion.
- In RPS, the average age of a school building is 63 years.
  - 36 of our 50 buildings are more than 50 years old, including 15 that are more than 95 years old.
  - Notably, our Title I schools are older, averaging approximately 86 years old.
  - In the last 50 years, we have built 14 new buildings.
- [RPS currently needs over \\$40 million](#) to address immediate repairs for our aging infrastructure.
- RPS cannot levy tax funds independently, so we rely on what the City and State can provide.
- Our neighboring counties do not struggle as much as the City because Virginia counties generally have more flexibility, more tools, and more capacity—making it easier for them to finance school facilities than cities.

# School Construction & Modernization Grants

*A meaningful, equitable, and consistent program for state support of school construction and modernization!*

In 2022, the General Assembly created the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP); a new, reliable and equitably competitive stream of state support for school construction and modernization.

In 2023, I published [this law review article](#) with the University of Richmond's Public Interest Law Review that reviews the impetus, development, and early outcomes of the Commission.

Year	School	Amount
2023	Maury Street CTE High School	\$20 million
2023	JL Francis Elementary School	\$1 million
2023	Henderson Middle School	\$1 million
2023	William Fox Elementary School	\$5.6 million
2024	John Marshall High School	\$0.6 million
2024	Richmond Alternative School	\$0.375 million
2025	Woodville Elementary School	\$12.4 million
2025	Armstrong High School	\$0.24 million
2025	Richmond Community High School	\$0.34 million
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$41,555,000</b>

# 2026 Legislative Priorities

Informed by existing legislative priorities, school division needs, and student and school board feedback, the RPS Legislative Advocacy Priorities address school construction and modernization, K-12 funding reform, and student mental health.

## 1. School Construction & Modernization

- Renew the Commission on School Construction and Modernization.
- Pass 1% sales tax legislation to allow voters to fund modern facilities.
- Fund per-pupil infrastructure grants to address maintenance needs.

## 2. Reform Virginia's K-12 Funding Formula

- Implement JLARC recommendations.
- Reform the Local Composite Index (LCI).
- Increase the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

## 3. Strengthen Student Mental Health Supports

- Increase specialized support staff ratios.
- Expand community-based partnerships.
- Support telehealth expansion and Medicaid alignment.



# Priority 1 – School Construction & Modernization

## **Renew the Commission on School Construction and Modernization.**

The Commission, created to assess school facility needs and recommend funding solutions, is set to expire in 2026. **The General Assembly should re-authorize it to continue its work supporting localities with data, technical assistance, and equitable funding recommendations.**

Reauthorizing the Commission will ensure Virginia continues to make progress in addressing its \$25+ billion backlog of school infrastructure needs.

- [HB264](#) (Simonds) would extend the Commission until 2029, and [HB644](#) (Askew) and [SB498](#) (Aird) would also extend it with a requirement to create a 10-year capital roadmap to address statewide school construction needs.

## **Let voters fund modern facilities.**

**The General Assembly should once again approve legislation allowing localities to hold referenda for a 1% local sales tax dedicated solely to school construction and modernization.** This measure, which passed twice with bipartisan support before being vetoed, gives communities a local tool to fund urgently needed school improvements while maintaining voter oversight and accountability.

- [HB334](#) (Rasoul) and [SB66](#) (McPike) have been introduced to authorize localities to impose a 1% sales tax that would support school construction and modernization. [SB607](#) (Lucas) has also been introduced with alternate language.

## **Fund per-pupil infrastructure grants.**

The 2022 school construction package provided a one-time per-pupil allocation for infrastructure improvements across Virginia. This approach helped local divisions like Richmond make critical repairs and upgrades. **We ask the General Assembly to reinstate this program with a minimum statewide appropriation of \$500 million, ensuring that every student learns in a safe, modern, and well-equipped school.**

- Delegate Cousins introduced budget amendment [Item 125 #3h](#) to fund \$500 million in school infrastructure funding to school divisions, and presented it to the House Appropriations Committee on January 28. [Watch her provide testimony!](#)

# Priority 2 – K-12 Funding Reform

## **Implement JLARC recommendations.**

In 2023, JLARC found that Virginia underfunds K-12 education by over \$3 billion annually and recommended transitioning to a student-based funding model. **The General Assembly should take the next step in implementing these recommendations to ensure funding reflects student need rather than outdated staffing formulas.**

- [HB92](#) (Delegate Rasoul) and [SB90](#) (Senator Favola) would codify key component of JLARC’s recommendations; funding add-ons for economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English learner students.
- Companion budget amendments totalling \$740 million over two years have been introduced to fund these add-ons – see items [125 #5h](#) (Simonds), [125 #1s](#), [125 #7s](#), and [125 #8s](#) (Favola).
- If funded at these levels, RPS could begin receiving approximately \$9 million per year in additional state direct aid based on our current ADM and LCI.
- [The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis](#) has further information on this legislation and division estimates.

## **Reform the Local Composite Index (LCI).**

Richmond’s LCI continues to overstate the city’s ability to pay for schools, resulting in less state support. **The General Assembly should enact JLARC’s recommended reforms to the LCI, including using a multi-year average of income, property, and sales data to smooth volatility and better reflect fiscal reality.** Adopting these changes would direct more equitable funding to localities like Richmond.

- We’re tracking several pieces of legislation dealing with LCI reform, and as of today, they’re being referred to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding that’s expected to meet after session ends.

## **Increase the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).**

Virginia’s localities provide services to many state-owned properties (i.e. Virginia’s Capitol Complex, VCU, and VCU Health) that are exempt from local taxes. **The General Assembly should increase the state’s PILOT contributions to help offset the true cost of those services and ease the burden on local taxpayers while supporting critical public education functions.**

# Priority 3 – Student Mental Health

## **Increase specialized support staff ratios.**

Students are facing greater mental health challenges than ever. **The General Assembly should increase the Standards of Quality ratio for specialized student support staff—such as school counselors, social workers, psychologists, and nurses—to at least four per 1,000 students.**

This investment will ensure that every school has the staff needed to address student well-being and reduce barriers to learning.

- [HB195](#) (McQuinn) and [SB33](#) (Favola) would provide more flexibility to use At-Risk Add-On funding to support initiatives to support both the physical and mental health of students in public schools, including the hiring of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses.

## **Support telehealth expansion and Medicaid alignment.**

**The General Assembly should invest in telehealth infrastructure and improving Medicaid billing processes to help schools connect more students to licensed mental health professionals.** This approach is cost-effective, sustainable, and critical for divisions with limited local mental health resources.

- [SB73](#) (Srinivasan) would require the Virginia Department of Education to hiring 2 Medicaid Billing Navigators to support school divisions so that we're able to fully leverage Medicaid funding opportunities to enhance student health services.

## **Expand community-based partnerships.**

**The General Assembly should expand access to school-based mental health services by creating a Community-Based Partnership Grant Program that funds collaborations and helps scale up services between school divisions and local mental health providers.** These partnerships will enhance access to care, reduce wait times, and connect students to licensed professionals who can serve them within their schools.

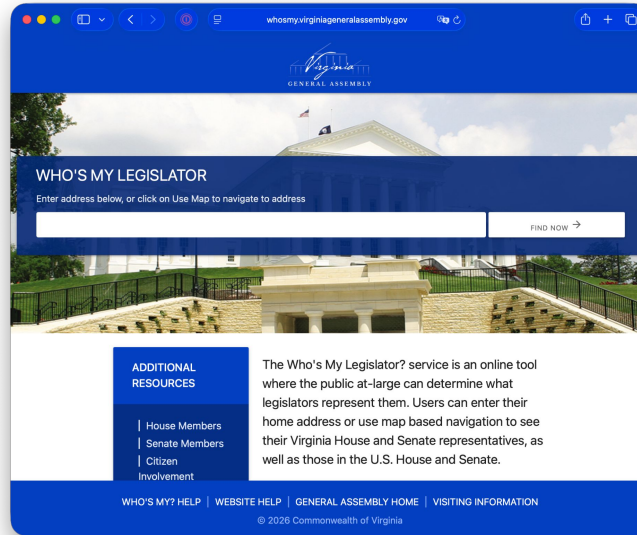
- We are tracking several budget amendments introduced to provide funding through various initiatives and community partners, including \$2.5 million in [community schools development and implementation planning grants](#).

# Who's My Delegate and Senator?

The first step to advocacy is knowing who represents you!

The Who's My Legislator tool helps you identify your legislator and the following information:

- Names
- Length of time in office
- Full-time profession
- Committee assignments
- Areas of interest
- Prior legislation



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# The Senior Senator from Henrico



Lamont Bagby  
Senate District 14

SB425	Comprehensive plan; environmental justice strategy.	Passed Senate
SB427	High school graduation requirements; history and social studies credits.	In Senate
SB428	School crossing zones; expands definition to include higher educational institutions.	Failed
SB430	Authority of local governments; service employees.	In Committee
SB431	VCU Health System Authority; changes relating to board of directors and chief executive officer.	In Committee
SB432	Financial institutions; loans and legal rate of interest.	Failed
SB433	Unemployment insurance; benefit eligibility conditions, etc.	In Committee
SB435	Lane filtering; motorcycles, penalty, delayed effective date.	Passed Senate
SB436	Photo speed monitoring devices; highway work zones, workers present.	Passed Senate
SB437	Truck-mounted attenuators; vehicles equipped with white warning lights.	Passed Senate
SB438	Absentee voting in person; available the second Sunday before all elections.	Engrossed
SB439	College and Career Ready Virginia Program; advisory committee and work group composition.	In Senate
SB440	License plates from another vehicle; use, authorized time period.	Passed Senate
SB441	License plates; use, special permit, validity period.	Passed Senate
SB442	Court Date Reminder Program; established.	In Committee
SB444	Offenses relating to gift cards; penalties.	In Committee
SB445	Motor Vehicles, Department of; release of data to certain institutions of higher education, fees.	Passed Senate
SB447	Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission; established, report.	In Committee
SB448	Electric utilities; energy storage requirements, Department of Energy to develop model ordinance.	In Committee
SB450	Public school teacher licensure requirement; comprehensive review of alt. licensure pathway, report.	In Committee
SB592	Career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review, report.	In Senate
SB823	Regulation of contractors; solar installation companies; sale, lease, loan, or power purchase of solar energy systems; civil penalty.	In Committee
SB824	School board employee grievance procedure; timing of dispute resolution.	In Committee

# Delegate Cousins of Richmond



Rae Cousins  
House District 79

HB847	Extreme Weather Taxpayer Protection Program and Fund; established.	In Committee
HB848	Va. Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; material noncompliance by landlord, rent escrow, relief.	In Committee
HB849	Public school employees; suspension, notice and opportunity for a hearing.	In Committee
HB852	Indigent defendant; abolition of fees, legal representation, jury trial costs, report.	In Committee
HB853	Petition for modification of a sentence; eligibility, procedures, report.	In Committee
HB854	Real property tax; local classification or designation for property.	In House
HB855	Medicaid; estate recoveries.	In Committee
HB857	Home/electronic incarceration program; court shall assign pregnant/postpartum persons to program.	In House
HB858	Legal holidays; replaces Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, with Indigenous Peoples' Day.	In Subcommittee
HB859	Farm to School Program Task Force; membership requirements, report.	In House
HB860	Local & Regional jails, St. Bd.; standards/regulations for pregnant/postpartum incarcerated person	Engrossed
HB861	Pregnant & postpartum inmates; reporting requirements of state, regional, & local correctional fac.	In House
HB862	Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP), Commission on; structure and responsibilities.	In Committee
HB863	Offenses, certain; elimination of mandatory minimum sentences.	In Committee
HB864	Cosmetic products; manufacturing or sale with certain ingredients prohibited, definitions.	In Subcommittee
HB865	Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain cancers.	In Committee
HB866	Food insecurity/hunger; Department of Social Services, et al., to develop statewide survey, report.	In Committee
HB867	Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority.	In House
HB868	Political campaign advertisements; synthetic media, penalty.	In Subcommittee
HB869	Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase programs for local farm or food products.	In Subcommittee
HB872	District or circuit court; possession of portable electronic devices.	In Subcommittee
HB1430	Impact fees; residential development.	In Committee
HJ52	Celebrating the life of William J. Martin.	Passed

# The Dean of the Richmond Delegation



Betsy Carr  
House District 78

HB811	License plates, spec.; issuance to supporters of Richmond SPCA bearing legend SAVING LIVES TOGETHER.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB812	Traffic regulation; bicycles, electric power-assisted bicycles, etc., bicycle signals.	In Committee	▼
HB818	Photo speed monitoring devices; reduced-speed segments.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB819	Pedestrians; walking on roadways that are part of divided highways.	In Committee	▼
HB821	Photo speed monitoring devices; historic district segments.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB822	Reports of fetal death; miscarriage, personally identifiable information not required.	Failed	▼
HB823	Community Living and Family and Individual Supports Waiver; program rule amendments.	In Committee	▼
HB1037	Instructional materials on climate change & environatl. literacy; model pol. & proced. for selection.	In Committee	▼
HB1038	Virginia Student Environmental Literacy Plan Grant Fund and Program; created and established.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1039	College and Career Ready Virginia Program; advisory committee and work group composition.	In House	▼
HB1040	VCU Health System Authority; changes relating to board of directors and chief executive officer.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1041	Inmates; functional literacy prog., data sharing & tracking, Va. Prison Ed. Task Force established.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1042	Zoning for Housing Production Pilot Program; created, affordable dwelling unit policy incentives.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1043	Affordable and Special Needs Housing program; applicant notification.	In Subcommittee	▼
HB1044	Virginia Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement, re-roofing.	Continued	▼
HB1045	Va. Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority; annual mixed beverage performing arts facility license.	In House	▼
HB1046	Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements.	In Subcommittee	▼

15-Minute Break

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# Advocacy Skills - Effective Emails

**Quick and effective:** Emails allow you to reach a number of legislators in a short amount of time.

**Identify your issue:** Choose a legislative issue or policy topic that you are passionate about. What specific action do you want the legislator to take (i.e., support a bill, fund a program, etc.)?

**Craft your message:**

- **Subject line:** 6–10 words, clear and specific – example: “Support Funding for Modern School Buildings!”
- **Opening (1–2 sentences):** Who you are + why you’re writing
- **Body (2–4 short paragraphs):**
  - One clear issue
  - One local or personal impact
  - One specific ask
- **Close (1 sentence):** Thanks + offer to follow up or meet

**Tips for Success:**

- One issue per email, this makes emails easier for staff to sort and respond.
- Short paragraphs (1–3 sentences) and put the ask early. If your email can be fully understood by reading only the first paragraph, you’ve done it right.

# Example

**To:** Find Your Legislator using Who's My Legislator – [whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov](https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov)

**Subject:** Support School Construction & Modernization Funding

Dear Delegate Carr,

My name is Katie, and I am a Richmond Public Schools parent in your district. I urge you to support HB334, which allows local communities to decide whether to approve a 1% local sales tax dedicated to school construction and renovations.

My family has directly experienced the consequences of deferred maintenance in our schools. When William Fox Elementary caught fire four years ago, the 100-year-old building lacked modern electrical systems and a sprinkler system. The fire and subsequent relocations disrupted student learning and placed significant strain on staff and operations. HB334 would give communities the opportunity to invest in modernizing aging school facilities and creating safe, stable learning environments for students and educators.

Thank you for your leadership and for your support of Richmond Public Schools. I respectfully ask for your vote in favor of HB334. Vote yes for funding schools!

Sincerely,

Katie R.  
Your Address  
Richmond VA 23220

# Advocacy Skills to Develop

**Elevator Speeches:** prepare and be ready to share your advocacy ask with a legislator in less than 1 minute.

**Meetings with Legislators:** present an issue, persuade the legislator, and make a specific ask.

★ **Pro-Tip:** put the date of your meeting request in the subject line!

**Testimony:** Speaking in front of legislative committees in support or opposition to bills under consideration.

**Media Interviews:** Deliver key advocacy messages under time constraints, answering rapid-fire questions.

**Message Mapping / Talking Points:** Organize thoughts and structure messages clearly and consistently, including a core message, supporting facts, and responses to potential counterarguments.

**Storytelling:** Highlight the power of personal stories and experiences to illustrate the impact of an issue and to create emotional connections with decision-makers.

**Social Media Advocacy:** Use social media in a strategic and effective way to raise awareness about an issue using hashtags, graphics, and calls to action.

**Persuasive Writing:** Write compelling letters, emails, and op-eds.

# Visiting the Capitol

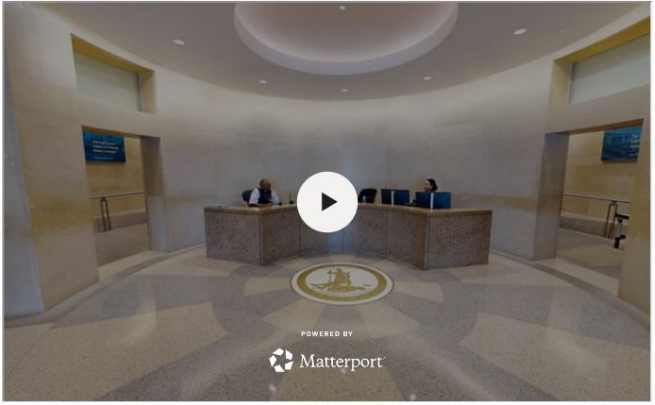
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  - ◆ Capitol Visitor Center – 10th and Bank Street
  
- Enjoy the GAB cafe until 3pm

Visit / Touring the Capitol

## Virtual Tour

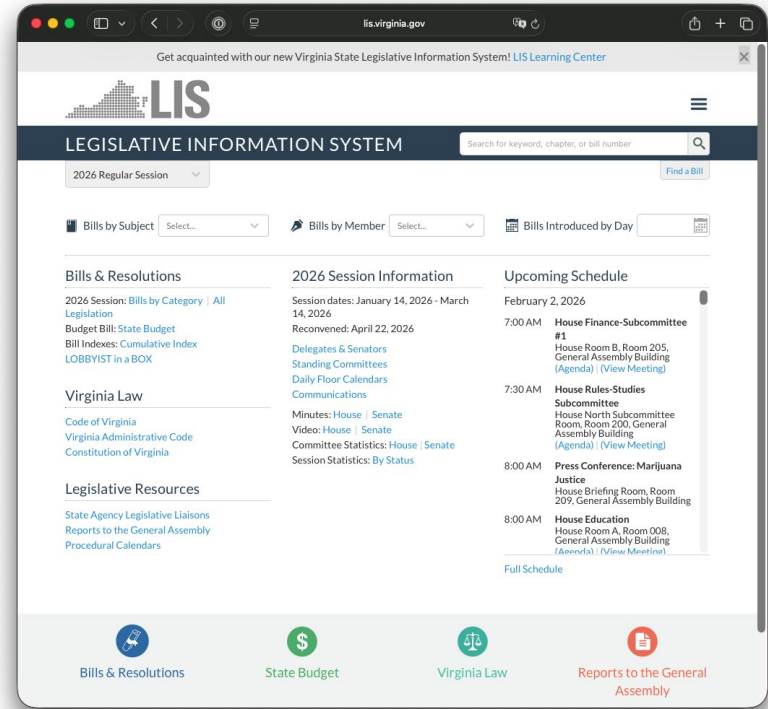
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# 2026 Session Calendar

Wear  
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Wednesdays!

## January 2026

January 11: Light Brigade!

January 12: Advocacy Training, 4pm-5:30pm, GH Reid Elementary School

January 13: Advocacy Training, 5pm-6:30pm, Dogwood Middle School

January 14: Session begins, State of the Commonwealth

January 16: Screen Printing Workshop, 2pm-5pm, Studio Two Three

January 17: Inauguration Day

January 18: Poster Placing Blitz

January 23: [PTA Advocacy Day](#)

## February 2026

February 2: RPS Advocacy Day

February 16: Virginia Education Association Advocacy Day - [Register here!](#)

February 22: House and Senate budgets proposals released

## March 2026

Conference budget adopted

March 14: Session adjourns



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# Key Advocacy Partners & Resources

## Partners

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- [Voices for Virginia's Children](#)
- [Legal Aid Justice Center](#)

## Frequently Used Links and Resources

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# Thank you!

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