

## President's Message: John Dewey's Destruction of America's Schools

Growing up in the 50s, I remember my father saying that John Dewey (1859-1952) was ruining schools. While he was saying it, I was living it. My first-grade teacher, having taught the alphabet, wrote the letters "a", "n", and "d" on the blackboard, gave us the letter sounds, and told us to say the sounds quickly. Students lit up as they decoded the word "and." Her next statement reflected Dewey's influence: "But, I'm not supposed to teach you this." We were given "Dick and Jane" readers and were expected to memorize words without sounding them out.

Report cards came in brown envelopes with three words in on the top. I told my brother I could read and that the words said, 'Report Card.' They actually said, "Do Not Fold."

John Dewey, an atheist, wanted to promote socialism. In his Impressions of Soviet Russia (1928) he wrote a glowing description of Russia and its schools. He developed "progressive education" at the Laboratory School at the University of Chicago (1894-1904) and Columbia University Teachers College (1904-1930), including Columbia's Lincoln School founded in 1917 with funding from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Dewey's approach to education is in his 1898 article, "The Education Fetich." He condemns reading and arithmetic instruction in early elementary school, calls drill "evil" and handwriting between ruled lines "barbarous," and favors studying students' daily environment (which became social studies). The progressive alternative to phonics were the 'whole language' "Dick and Jane" readers. Columbia graduates became school superintendents and introduced "progressive education" nationwide.

Rockefeller sent four of his five sons to Lincoln; all four became dyslexic. Whole language has created a new industry – remedial reading. Hardest hit are low-income Hispanics and Blacks whose parents can't teach what the schools didn't. Decades of whole word, arithmetic without drill, and social studies instead of history have convinced everyone that low-income children cannot learn, when in fact they haven't been taught. That same curriculum also lowers white and Asian achievement, unnecessarily stigmatizes children as "learning disabled," and spawns behavior problems as children cope with not being able to read.

However, "progressive education" has been a boon to the teaching industry. School boards say they need more money and staff to raise achievement, resulting in higher taxes but continued mediocre achievement. Just since Fiscal Year 2000, Fairfax County Public School spending has increased five times faster than enrollment, and Virginia public school spending has increased eight times faster than state enrollment.

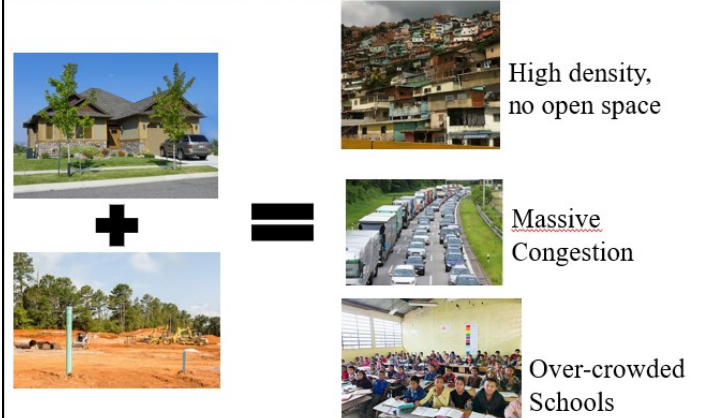
However, Dewey's "progressive education" is achieving his overriding goal: Public schools are graduating socialists, or as the Fairfax County School Board puts it, "global citizens."

## Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to our many new members from all over Fairfax County. The number joining the FCTA has greatly increased over the past two months.

## Fairfax Forward?

### Current BOS Plan: Urbanize Fairfax County



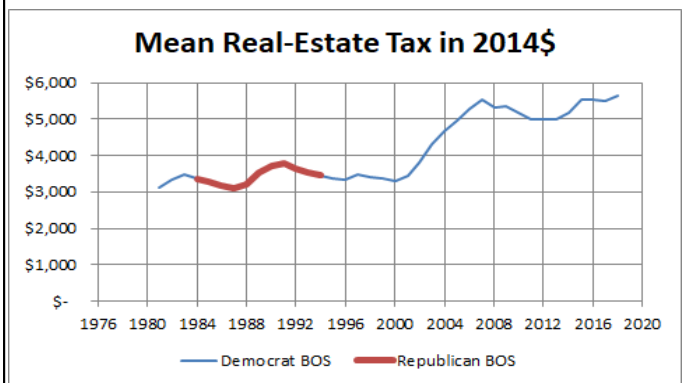
High density, no open space

Massive Congestion

Over-crowded Schools

## Residential Real-Estate Tax History

The FCTA opposes real-estate tax increases other than needed to compensate for increases in population and inflation. The graph below uses inflation-adjusted dollars and compensates for population by showing the tax per household. You are looking at a real increase! In the years that the Democrats controlled the Board of Supervisors (BOS) (thin blue line in the graph), the real increase was 70%. And look at the trend over the last few years — more rapid increase. In Republican years, 1984 to 1994 (thick red line in the graph), per-household taxes have been relatively constant. From 1982 to 2018, the inflation-adjusted household income (not shown) remained the same. You can see why the FCTA has difficulty supporting Democrats for the BOS.



## FCTA's New Monthly Newsletter

FCTA members want to actively hear what FCTA is doing for them; so, besides our quarterly Bulletin and our web site ([www.fcta.org](http://www.fcta.org)), which is updated frequently with important news, we now send a brief monthly message to those members who have provided email addresses. Send your email to [purves@fcta.org](mailto:purves@fcta.org) to be added to the list.

### The Trump Effect

In campaigning, GOP candidates are finding antipathy due to Trump, even though the 2019 campaign concerns local offices only — state and county.

The **violence and hatred** exhibited by the anti-Trump people casts fear into the hearts of Republican voters. Few have Trump bumper stickers, fearing vandalism. The media has succeeded in keeping the venomous focus on Trump by generating much fake (false) news about him. The 2019 local candidates are overwhelmed by propaganda against Trump.

No credit is given to Trump for **higher GDP, higher pension values** due to higher stock prices, and **lower unemployment** (<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/05/30/no-credit-where-credit-is-due/>). The Economist, a center-left British magazine that includes coverage of events in the U.S. and is no fan of the Trump administration, recently published a remarkable editorial that contains gems Republicans should quote between now and the 2020 election, but should not need to quote for the 2019 election. They include a strong rebuke to the contention of many Democrats that “working people” are still struggling and that the improved economy continues to benefit only the wealthiest 1%. The bleak picture painted by Democrats, the editorial says, “is at odds with reality.” The Economist refers to a worldwide “jobs boom” and (note to Bernie Sanders and others promoting socialism) asserts that, “Capitalism is improving workers’ lot faster than it has in years ... the zeitgeist has lost touch with the data.” Noting that U.S. unemployment at 3.6% is the lowest in 50 years, the magazine says, “Less appreciated is the **abundance of jobs** across most of the rich world.” Then there is this, which has been the gospel of conservatives for decades when it comes to welfare and its disincentive for many to find work: “... **reforms to welfare programs**, both to make them less generous and to toughen eligibility tests, seem to have encouraged people to seek work.”

This has forced liberal politicians to shift their focus from the unemployed to the “quality” of jobs. “Reality begs to differ,” says The Economist. “Official projections” predict that by 2026, “America will have more at-home careers than secretaries.” Jobs and the skills necessary to fill them are changing, but not so rapidly that workers—and especially younger people—cannot adjust their education and training to match the new requirements. **Wages are rising** almost everywhere, and, as the editorial says, tight labor markets “lead firms to fish for employees in neglected pools, including among ex-convicts. ... American workers fretted for years about how to shrink the disability-benefit rolls. Now the hot labor market is doing it for them.”

This is the argument that conservatives, many Republicans, and the Trump administration have been making for some time. Economic growth, not government growth, raises most boats.

More recently, Trump is being attacked not on the basis of his accomplishments but on the basis of his personality. His personality has nothing to do with the 2019 election.

Perhaps our local politicians can hand people this article to read, then proceed to local issues.

### Next FCTA Board Meetings

**Tuesdays: July 2, 2019 and August 6, 2019**  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Only Board members may vote; but all FCTA members are invited.**

Location: To be determined

Send an email to [purves@fcta.org](mailto:purves@fcta.org) if you want to attend

### The Bernie Sanders Effect

The Democrat candidates for the 2020 presidential campaign call for some form of socialism — all businesses owned by the government, whether Democratically socialist or not. Sanders claims that socialism is the only answer to global authoritarianism and the oligarchy run by the large corporations in the U.S. His call for Medicare for All is one step toward national socialism.

According to CNN, Sanders says every American, regardless of his or her income, has the right to a decent job that pays a living wage; the right to quality health care; the right to a complete education; the right to affordable housing, the right to a clean environment; and the right to a secure retirement (see <https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/12/politics/bernie-sanders-democratic-socialism-speech/>).

You can get some understanding about a government monopoly on all businesses by going to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Social Security office, or a Veterans Administration hospital, which have long wait times. If you think you are being mistreated, you complain to the government, rather than switch to a competing company. Lies about products and projects (e.g., by the Russian government concerning Chernobyl) go unpunished.

On the surface, Socialism would appear to be beneficial. Today, the average income per household is approximately \$83,000. The living wage in Fairfax County is \$70,000 for a family of four (<http://livingwage.mit.edu/>) but only \$33,000 for the nation ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living\\_wage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living_wage)). Under socialism, the government would decide the exact amount.

The secure, stress-free life that Sanders’ socialism promises is especially appealing to new high-school and college graduates. The CNN article states that support among 18- to 29-year-olds 51% for socialism, but only 45% for capitalism. They want their college education to be free (or their debt forgiven). They want nice housing. They want free health care. They want all of these without having the responsibility of being productive workers. They rather protest than produce. They so intimidate others that few have Trump bumper stickers. President Trump wants to speak at the 2019 4th of July celebration in D.C. The city is concerned that it will not be able to contain the violent protestors (Washington Times, 6/13/19, Pg A12).

Today’s young adults know little about socialism as implemented in Venezuela or Nicaragua, both of which have democratically elected presidents. They have a misunderstanding of the economies of the Nordic countries, which are not socialist and are moving away from socialized medicine (<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/06/13/socialist-nordic-countries-are-actually-moving-toward-private-health-care/>). They know nothing about the injustices caused by cronyism within a socialist government and the elite status of educators and the military, as reported by Djilas in his *The New Class*. They do not realize that cronyism within government monopolies results in dictated wage rates, contrary to the incentive people need to work diligently and productively. A farmer will till no more soil than needed to feed his family. He has no incentive to till more so others might eat.

The young read Huxley’s *Brave New World* and think it is utopian — because they think of themselves as belonging to the elite governing class — or perhaps the lowest class, passing their leisure playing video games. There is little need to think.

Socialism is so antithetical to human nature that, in practice, it deteriorates into Communism — socialism enforced at gunpoint.

**Sex vs. Gender**

The County and schools are spending much money on gender-based bathrooms and, most alarmingly, locker rooms. They risk lawsuits about behavior in these mixed-sex rooms. They are supporting people who feel as if they have been born in the wrong body. Stephanie Davies-Arai, a UK expert, says that the 'trans' claims need to be scientifically tested and verified before we revamp society. See:

<https://www.mercatornet.com/conjugality/view/listening-to-a-child-doesnt-mean-accepting-the-trans-narrative/22494>

To be a true conflict between brain and body at birth, there would need to be a "gender" area of the brain which is innate, fixed, and as impervious to influence as the biologically sexed human body is. She claims that everything we know about brain function suggests the opposite; the human brain is plastic, open to influence and suggestion, and responsive to nurture, environment and experience. She doesn't want to minimize the distress of gender dysphoria (which is accepted as real) but questions the interpretation that any child is literally "born in the wrong body." She rejects the unproven idea that "gender" is innate in the brain.

She states: Gender is a set of behavior and personality expectations applied to the sexes, which can differ from culture to culture. It is impossible to separate any cognitive brain function from the environmental influences which help to shape it.

When the mind does not agree with physical reality, the mind is insane. A guy, standing on the parapet of a building, thinking he is a bird, is a danger to the people walking below. There is great danger in letting the insane be in charge of the institution.

**Local Socialism**

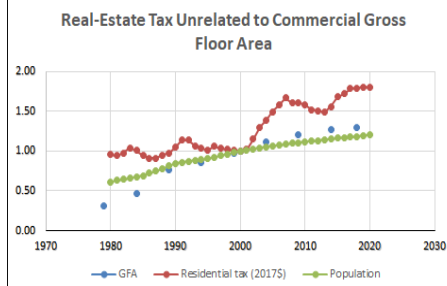
If Fairfax County keeps raising taxes to pay government employees more, while private-sector salaries stagnate as they have been, our society will gradually become socialist, with a government elite and a private-sector underclass. It will resemble the USSR rather than the 20th-century US. The government will have all of your profile data, gathered by its high-tech surveillance system and extensive database, so you will not escape. Work for the government or die in the underclass.

**Job Opportunity**

Want a job that pays \$55,000 to start, gives two month's vacation to start, and from which you can retire at the age of 57 with a pension of \$80,000 per year, climbing to over \$100,000 per year when Social Security starts? Become a Fairfax County school teacher.

**Real-Estate Tax History**

Don't let the Board of Supervisors' fool you. Homeowner real-estate tax (top line) does not decrease with increased commercial development (individual points) or with population (lower dotted line). Note that the 2001-2007 housing-bubble increase remains with us.



**Our Brave New Public Schools**

Those who have read Huxley's *Brave New World* will recognize what the County's public schools have accomplished. Alex Newman, famous co-author of the book *Crimes of the Educators*, recently described the condition in Fairfax. You can see some of his points at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7rFi8hJjrk>. In his Fairfax talk, he now says the solution is to withdraw your children from public schools and home-school them. The most rapid change has occurred in the last 20 years, when the School Board was dominated by Democrats. If we replace the current School Board with the candidates who conform with the FCTA policies, we might get the public schools to revert to their former excellence.

The County's **One Fairfax** program has as its goal making the graduating classes from each high school have the same average SAT and SOL scores. They want to change school boundaries so students from poorly performing schools will go to highly performing schools — a form of **busing**. They want unmotivated, misbehaving students to be in the same classrooms as motivated students. The beleaguered teachers will spend most class time trying to control and motivate the unmotivated. The middle students suffer the most. Parents have also lost their gage of performance because **SAT scores** no longer serve as a standard. SAT will now include an Adversity Score — an adjustment based on the social status of the student. This change follows the 2016 change in SAT grading. The penalty for wrong answers has been removed so students can now guess without penalty. In the year after this change was made, SAT scores increased by 40 points out of 550 in reading and math. (SAT wants to regain the business it has lost to ACT, Inc.)

Parents have great difficulty determining not only the quality but also the substance of what is being taught. **Much greater transparency is needed.** In many cases, there is no textbook. Parents are told that teaching **reading** using the whole-word method is superior to teaching reading based on phonics. Student performance proves otherwise. Parents similarly are told that the way they teach **mathematics** is superior so parents should not interfere, although there is no evidence that the new method is superior. In fact, the students perform worse than their parents did. **Social studies** are biased. **Family Life Education (FLE)** is actually sex education, including all sorts of perversions. There is no evidence that FLE reduces sexual activity. Students can easily conclude that the foundation of family life is sex life.

**More educational opportunities are needed.** Alex Newman recommends home schooling. A complete change in the School Board might suffice. Private schools might also give a better education, if vouchers would make these schools affordable.

The social policies of the Fairfax schools are greatly influenced by the **Youth Survey**; however, the survey is not a scientific survey. The basis for the policies is flawed so the policies are surely flawed.

We need a change in educational approach. No change will be made with the existing Democrat members of the School Board. We need completely new blood. The only novel idea that Democrats have introduced is to teach young children how to have sex in many unnatural ways — ways that the schools now deem acceptable. Contraception is promoted, with abortion as a back-up. The students know almost nothing about the relationship between love and sex and nothing about the abortion process and the DNA data that show that abortion kills a human being.

The Board's innovations have corrupted our children, robbing them of their innocence. **We need new blood.**

**2019 Candidates**

We list below the candidates who most closely align with FCTA's desired policies. Most are Republican; two are Democrats. Many of these candidates get little publicity in the printed, cable, and broadcast media. They get it by mailing flyers — an expensive way of contacting people. If they have little funds, they become hidden candidates. Information about those candidates without websites might be found at [FairfaxGOP.org](http://FairfaxGOP.org).

**Board of Supervisors**

- Chair:** Joe Galdo <https://galdoforchairman.com/>  
**Braddock:** Jason Remer <https://www.jasonforbraddock.org/>  
**Dranesville:** Ed Martin  
**Hunter Mill:** Walter Alcorn (Democrat) <https://www.walteralcorn.com/>  
**Mason:** Gary Aiken <https://thegpac.com/>  
**Providence:** Paul Bolon <http://www.bolon4supervisor.com/>  
**Springfield:** Pat Herry <https://www.patherry.org/>  
**Sully:** Srilekha Palle

**School Board** (vote for three at-large)

- At-large:** Cheryl Buford <https://cherylbuford.com/>  
**At-large:** Priscilla DeStefano <http://priscillaforfairfax.com/38-2/>  
**At-large:** Vinson Palathingal <https://www.vinsonforschoolboard.com/>

- Braddock:** Zia Tompkins  
**Dranesville:** Anastasia Karloutsos  
**Hunter Mill:** Laura Ramirez Drain <https://vote4laura.com/>  
**Mason:** Tom Pafford (Democrat) <http://are-you-happy-yet.com/>  
**Mount Vernon:** Steven Mosley <https://www.stevendmosley.com/>

- Providence:** Andi Bayer <https://www.andrea4schoolboard.com/>  
**Springfield:** Elizabeth Schultz  
**Sully:** Tom Wilson

**Soil and Water Conservation** (vote for three)

- Chris Bowen <https://bowenforfairfax.com/>  
 Jane Dudik  
 Ed McGovern

**FCTA Joins Homeschoolers**

The FCTA supports the Home School Legal Defense Association (<https://hslida.org/content/>). At \$10,000 per public-school student, Virginia's 40,000 home-schooled children save the taxpayer \$400M per year (<https://vahomeschoolers.org/>). One website pegs the saving in Virginia as over \$350M, with home-schooled students consistently scoring higher in contests. (see <https://www.intellectualltakeout.org/article/how-much-money-each-state-saves-thanks-homeschooling>). The legal defense fund is necessary because local governments frequently oppose homeschooling. See hslida website for examples.

**The Liberal Paradise**

Sheriff Joe Arpaio: "A 'liberal paradise' would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive health care, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities and only law enforcement personnel have guns. And, believe it or not, such a liberal utopia does indeed exist. ... It's called prison." As quoted in <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2014/feb/23/what-liberal-utopia-looks/>. According to the Federal Register, taxpayers pay \$37,000 per year for such a benefit-laden living; \$100,000 for juveniles (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/30/2018-09062/annual-determination-of-average-cost-of-incarceration>).

**FCTA Joins the National Right to Work in Targeting Union Muscle**

At its meeting on May 7, 2019, the FCTA Board voted to join forces with the National Right to Work (NRTW) Legal Defense Foundation. Board member Bill Peabody presented a check to the Foundation during a visit to the NRTW. The contribution represented our encouragement of the Foundation's work.

In their visit to NRTW headquarters on June 3, Peabody and Mike Albin met with officials to highlight mutual concerns about the power of government employee unions in Fairfax County and across the country. Foundation officials share our views about the unchecked influence unionized teachers and other government workers exercise on state and local budgets. In Fairfax County, unionized employees form "what can be considered a political party," in the words of one NRTW official. In the recent past, the Foundation's advocacy arm has worked closely with Supervisor Pat Herry to end the practice of "released time" for employees to travel to Richmond in order to lobby for union interests.

During the visit, the FCTA representatives met with Michael E. Avakian of the Center on National Labor Policy who has litigated issues of union abuse brought to light by Supervisor Herry. Avakian and NRTW officials were pleased at our suggestion to become allies in the fight against public-union muscle. Both sides agreed to make information and publications mutually available to their memberships. They invited a briefing from FCTA on the deleterious effects of public unions on county and state budgets.

**Your Safety Is in Jeopardy**

Did you know that Fairfax County has become a sanctuary county? Sheriff Kincaid has decided not to detain jailed people whom ICE has requested she hold so ICE can evaluate them for deportation. Sheriff Kincaid releases into society these likely illegal aliens, despite their criminal record See: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/sheriff-terminates-intergovernmental-service-agreement-ice>.

Not only that, but Fairfax County is spending your tax dollars to provide free legal services to illegal aliens as needed to prevent deportation — to fight ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)..

**The Beneficiaries of Medicaid Expansion**

The Virginia Department of Medicaid Assistance Services (DMAS) estimated that the influx of 300,000 to 400,000 Medicaid patients due to Medicaid Expansion would increase hospital industry revenues by \$247 million in the second half of the 2019 fiscal year. We taxpayers who pay for the expansion can hope that more poor people will be receiving medical care and that we not-so-poor will save \$247 million in our hospital bills. See <https://www.baconsrebellion.com/wp/medicaid-expansion-and-the-coming-gusher-of-hospital-productivity/>.

**Make Recycling Work**

- Put into recycle: cardboard and newspapers, plastic bottles, and especially metal – the only thing that can be separated out by machine.
  - Put into trash: glass, filmy plastic bags and plastic films, Styrofoam, diapers, garden hoses, coolers, food, car seats, batteries, fabrics, and similar items.
- When in doubt, throw it out – out into trash.



**Improving Public-School Education**

The Fairfax County public schools (FCPS) underperform, when corrections are made for student demographics. Fred Costello has analyzed all high schools in Virginia. FCPS schools get high SAT scores because FCPS schools have many Asians, especially far-eastern Asians, and few Black students. When corrected for demographics, **all FCPS schools (except TJ) perform approximately the same.**

There are racial performance gaps. On average, Hispanics get significantly lower SAT scores than whites and Blacks get significantly lower scores than Hispanics. These gaps can be closed if teaching techniques are used that are aimed at the lower-scoring students. In particular, changes are needed in the curriculum. Data shows that students perform better if they are taught **phonics as the basis for reading.** FCPS schools throw in some phonics, but the students are taught whole-word recognition as the basis for reading. Whole-word results in a more limited vocabulary. In FCPS, math is taught with little memorization and with little regard for **efficient computation.** Instead, much time is spent on various ways of performing the same computations. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejqH1ofSx8U>. The **Family Life Education program** should teach how to have good marriages rather than how to have much sex.

Teachers would find it easier and students would find it less frustrating if the students were **grouped by performance** (test scores). Research has shown that schools that use performance grouping, but not ability grouping, got better results than other schools. See <https://www.pbs.org/makingschoolswork/sbs/sfa/grouping.html>. Teachers of poor performers can adapt methods more suitable to poor performers; teachers of high performers can use methods more suitable to high performers. High performers could be considered Honors students. When performance grouping is used, teachers should not be evaluated on the basis of the number of students that pass the SOL's. The standard should be the average SOL score relative to the average SOL score for the specific performance-group. Using the average discourages teachers from spending excessive time with the lowest performers, whose performance could be improved with after-school classes or tutoring.

As a check on the content of courses, all citizens should be allowed to see test results via the Internet, including the questions and correct/acceptable answers, in all subjects at all grade levels. Most parents do not have such detailed information and, therefore, cannot be sure that their children are being taught what they need. Social-studies courses can easily be vehicles for propaganda (see the June 15, 2019, article in the Washington Post: "to-combat-hate-and-stereotypes-students-and-parents-turn-to-textbooks").

**Transparency** is needed.

Students should not be given counseling without the parent's permission and involvement. Currently, parents can be excluded from counseling if their child is above the age of 12. The parent need not even be informed that the student is being counseled. Counseling frequently involves sexual matters, including homosexual tendencies and transgender tendencies. **Counseling should require parental consent and parental involvement.**

**Morality** is being taught in schools, but not in a systematic way. Bullying is considered evil. Speaking ill of homosexuals is considered evil. But such teachings are piecemeal. The schools assume that they may not use the Ten Commandments, but they could easily formulate a **code of ethics** that covers all of

the moral points in the Ten Commandments. The evils of bullying and the evils of speaking ill of others can easily be covered as part of the code.

Maximum **classroom size** is a major issue. The current limit is sometimes greatly violated. Any violation should require parental consent.

The school administration fights for higher **teacher salaries** and most parents want to give the school-room teachers more; however, the school administration does not tell the citizens that all school employees get almost the same salary increases as the classroom teachers get. The budget is thereby inflated. If this matching of increases is stopped, more money would be available for classroom teachers.

Parents of FCPS students should be encouraged to give **teaching awards** to the teachers in their schools. Such awards are currently permissible. Awards of several thousand dollars would be possible, would go to the best teachers, and would make unnecessary across-the-board raises that inflate the school budget. The award would circumvent the union's insistence that all teachers must be paid according to their degree and experience, rather than according to their performance.

**Landlords** should be required to itemize how much goes for real-estate taxes so all parents would realize that they have a vested interest in government efficiency. Those parents living with rent subsidies would see the cost of schooling, even if they do not pay for it. The school budget is much too complex for most people to find areas of excessive and deficient expenditures.

We should not expect much change if we again elect Democrats. The **same old educational approach** will continue. There will be no change in the performance gap. It has persisted for years. New blood is needed so new ideas are introduced, ideas that are foreign to the Democrats but used commonly in private schools. The only novel idea that Democrats have introduced is to teach young children how to have sex and how any and all sexual acts are normal. Their innovations have corrupted our children, robbing them of their innocence.

**Are Schools Complicit in Mass-Murder Rates?**

Mass-murder rates have increased greatly since the 1960's (<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/06/04/why-so-many-mass-shootings-ask-the-right-questions-and-you-might-find-out>).

What has changed since the 1960s and '70s? America is much more ethnically diverse; much less religious; boys have far fewer male role models in their lives; fewer men marry; and normal boy behavior is largely held in contempt by feminist teachers, principals, and therapists.

Decade	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's
Mass-murder rates	1	6	13	32	42

A suicidal person becomes a mass-murderer when he decides to take as many people with him as possible. The schools had long ago removed from his consideration any idea of the hell that awaits him, that Justice will be served.

Schools should be teaching the moral values that held mass-murder rates to one in ten years — the moral values of the 1950's. Schools should be teaching students how to be good parents and good spouses. They should be teaching them to finish school, get a job, and stay married to the mother of their children. Society would be better; public safety, enhanced; and the criminal system, less costly.

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McLean	67%	40%
Oakton	65%	41%
Chantilly	58%	38%
Woodson	63%	32%
Marshall	59%	24%
Lake Braddock	53%	29%
Centreville	48%	32%
Madison	58%	18%
<b>FCPS Divisionwide</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Falls Church	47%	25%
Robinson	48%	22%
South Lakes	56%	13%
Herndon	55%	11%
Westfield	48%	16%
West Springfield	52%	12%
Fairfax	50%	5%
West Potomac	40%	15%
South County	38%	16%
Edison	31%	18%
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Justice	30%	9%
Lee	29%	5%
Hayfield	28%	5%
Annandale	20%	5%
Mount Vernon	14%	5%

**What FCTA Has Been Doing on Our Members' Behalf**

Much has transpired at FCTA since the previous bulletin. For a complete list of the reports generated since then, go to <http://www.fcta.org/Pubs/archivist.html>. The list of files will be of interest to many readers. To see only what FCTA has done, type into the search box the word *blue*. FCTA actions have the date and category in blue, so the search will result in the FCTA actions only. You will see the texts of presentations, letters to our politicians, reports on meetings, opinion articles, and research reports. Click on the title of the article and you can read the full report.

**(Re)Join the FCTA and invite a friend to join too!**

The Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance analyzes Fairfax County, Virginia, and Federal budgets. We publish the FCTA Bulletin, which explains budgets, exposes excesses, and offers solutions. We also maintain a website ([www.fcta.org](http://www.fcta.org)) with much commentary. **Use this form or join online at [www.fcta.org](http://www.fcta.org). We need your help to reach more taxpayers.** For additional memberships, simply enclose a check with the new member's name, address, and email.

Current members: Please renew if the date on your mailing label is before July 1, 2018. Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my annual FCTA membership dues of \$25 (\$10 for first year for new members).

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