

# DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



GOVERNOR

**Abigail Spanberger**

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As Virginia's next Governor, Abigail will work aggressively to get schools the funding they need, address Virginia's teacher shortage, and provide teachers with training and support. She will oppose efforts that seek to erode faith in our public schools or take public dollars out of public schools.

For students who do wish to pursue a college education, Abigail is committed to working with students, parents, and college and university administrators to address the rising cost of higher education while also maintaining the world-class quality of Virginia's higher education institutions.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Ghazala Hashmi**

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Education has always been a top priority. We need to prioritize fully funding our public schools so all our children must have access to top-notch public schools with modern technology and sufficient staff including career counselors, mental health professionals, and subject area specialists, no matter the zip code. By supporting our educators and students, addressing target areas of inequality, protecting vulnerable populations in our schools, and dedicating ourselves to keeping our schools free from gun violence, I am working to ensure accessible and equitable education for every student in the Commonwealth.



ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Jay Jones**

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It's long past time to get Virginia off the sidelines and back in the game of protecting its citizens from an autocratic administration seeking to destroy what makes our Commonwealth and country great. As MAGA Republicans are gearing up to gut Medicaid while Elon Musk guts Medicare and Social Security services that Virginia seniors rely on, this fight is only becoming more urgent. As Attorney General, I will always put the well being of Virginia first and never stay silent out of party loyalty so we can best protect Virginia families and communities.



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**Jac Bennington**

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Except for National Guard activations and deployments, Jac has taught in the 61st District since 2009. During his time in the classroom, one of the greatest challenges he has seen school districts face across Virginia is the lack of consistent funding. This unpredictability often results in stagnant salaries, even as the cost of living rises throughout the 61st District. Because of this, many educators in Rappahannock, Culpeper, and Fauquier counties view these districts as "steppingstones" to move on to Loudoun, Prince William, or Fairfax counties—where pay and retirement benefits are significantly better.



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**Sara Ratcliffe**

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I know that rural schools are often ignored by politicians from Richmond or Northern Virginia. Our public schools are the center of our community. We cannot afford any more policies that short our schools or force us to fall behind schools in other parts of the state. I will advocate for affordable and quality education at the K-12 levels, with paths to meet the needs of all learners. We need to do so by increasing teacher salaries, funding early childhood education programs, supporting community colleges, and ensuring our public schools' tax dollars are not diverted to pay private school tuitions in Northern Virginia while leaving our students behind.



HOUSE OF DELEGATES 63<sup>RD</sup>

**Forrest Miller**

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Public education is the most important service that government can provide to its citizens. Forrest Miller will focus all his authority as Delegate to protect and improve public schools and faculty. Infrastructure improvements, competitive pay for teachers, and expanded job training are at the top of his legislative agenda. He will work with Delegates from across the Piedmont and the Commonwealth to share ideas and learn from their solutions to supercharge Virginia's primary, secondary, and college students. Forrest Miller will put Service back into public service.

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