

Letter to editor of *Connection Newspapers* RE school board delegating authority to Supt 01-06-11

Letter to the Editor of the *Fairfax Connection* newspaper-

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Note: see school board action note at end

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To: The Connection Newspapers

The Fairfax County school board is considering a proposal to delegate authority to the superintendent to establish the length of the school day. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area spoke against this policy change at the December 2 school board meeting. This is such a major change that it should have been discussed widely and received more public attention. The League supports well defined channels for community input and review for FCPS policies. Setting the amount of time that students will be in school is a fundamental responsibility of local school boards: this decision should not be delegated to the superintendent or any other employee.

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Update from Ginger RE School Board Action: Last night (January 6, 2011) the School Board voted in favor of delegating authority to the superintendent to establish the length of the school day. **Sandy Evans** (Mason District) and **Tina Hone** (at-large) voted against this change. *Ginger Fitz Shea to LWVFA, January 7, 2011.*