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Sandy Evans Declares Candidacy for Mason District School Board Seat, Wins Democratic Endorsement, Says Experienced Leadership Is Vital for Budget Issues Facing FCPS

Falls Church, VA – December 8, 2009 –Sandy Evans, a long-time parent and child advocate, today announced she is seeking the Mason District seat on the Fairfax County School Board soon to be vacated by current Board Member Kaye Kory.

“I look forward to proving that I’m the best Mason District candidate for Fairfax County School Board. It’s been said that anyone can steer the ship when the sea is calm. But tough times require experienced leadership. I’ve worked with and for Fairfax County children for 14 years. Now I’m running for School Board so that I can continue putting my energy to work for students, parents, teachers and the community during these difficult budget times,” Evans said.

Evans sought and won the endorsement of the Democratic Party at a meeting of the Mason District Democratic Committee last night. Although School Board is a nonpartisan position, political parties may endorse candidates.

Although a likely January date for the special election has not yet been set, Evans said her campaign’s focus is clear – how to close the \$176 million budget gap facing Fairfax County Public Schools.

“I’m the only candidate who has a consistent track record of involved engagement with FCPS School Board members and administrators. I have more than six years experience scrutinizing the FCPS budget. And during that time, I was involved in efforts that ultimately saved FCPS millions of dollars through transportation efficiencies. I’m confident that I have the vision and experience to ensure that FCPS delivers on its promise to provide a world-class public education for every child in Fairfax County,” said Evans.

Evans has lived in the Falls Church area of Mason District for 17 years with her husband, Steve Hoffman. Their daughter Leah is in graduate school. Their daughter, Zoë, who attended Mason District public schools K through 12, graduated last June and is a first-year student at UVA.

As an involved public school parent and community leader, Evans has served as a PTA president, Girl Scout leader, academic team coach and parent advocate on health issues and grading policies. She has served as a member and chair of the School Board’s School Health Advisory Committee, Fairfax County Council of PTAs legislative liaison, SLEEP co-founder, FAIRGRADE advisor, Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council, and Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition steering committee member, among others.

“I’m proud to say that I have a broad base of support,” said Evans. “In addition to the

backing of the Democratic party, I have endorsements ranging from current school board members, top Mason District elected officials, parent advocates with FAIRGRADE, as well as numerous parents, students and teachers.”

The date of the special election will be determined after Kory resigns from the seat to take her place in the House of Delegates, to which she was elected in November. Kory urged Evans to run for the seat and strongly endorses her.

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