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**RYAN McELVEEN ANNOUNCES AT-LARGE CANDIDACY FOR SCHOOL BOARD
McElveen Among Six Candidates to Apply for
Endorsement from Fairfax County Democratic Committee**

VIENNA, VIRGINIA – On Monday, April 4, 2011, Ryan McElveen announced his candidacy for an at-large position on the Fairfax County School Board. To participate in the general election on November 8, 2011, McElveen must first receive one of three nominations from the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, for which Committee members vote and to whom he submitted paperwork on Friday, April 1. Six candidates including McElveen submitted materials for endorsement consideration.

A graduate of Fairfax County Public Schools and a resident of Vienna and Hunter Mill District, McElveen has been involved in many causes, including leading movements championing diversity, curriculum internationalization, and academic freedom at the county, university and state level. He currently works in educational programming at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and serves as a Mandarin Chinese tutor to students in the community. McElveen's work experience spans the public- and private-sectors, NGOs and academia, and his full biography can be found at www.ryanforschoolboard.com/.

Regarding his announcement, McElveen said, "I am thrilled to have this opportunity to advocate for Fairfax students and teachers. Since my time as a student in FCPS, I've seen resources distributed inequitably, class sizes increased, fees implemented for participating in sports, and an increasing number of teachers forced to commute from elsewhere because they cannot afford the cost of living here. It is time for us to reverse these trends and renew our promise for the future."

Endorsements by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee will take place on May 24, 2011, at the meeting of the FCDC General Membership at 7:30 pm at Falls Church High School (7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042).

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If you'd like more information about the Ryan McElveen for School Board campaign, please contact the campaign at voteryanmc@gmail.com.