

**Resolution Calling on the Fairfax County School Board, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, State Delegates, State Senators, and Congressmen Tom Davis and Jim Moran to Support the Construction of a Middle School in South County in an Accelerated Timeframe.**

**Whereas** South County Secondary School (SCSS) will be overcapacity in its second year of operation by more than 500 students;

**Whereas** the overcrowding at SCSS will result in at least 22 trailers being used as classrooms in the 2006-2007 school year;

**Whereas** SCSS was designed and built to function as a high school, although it is currently functioning as a secondary school;

**Whereas** a new South County Middle School is not on the current 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and is not even anticipated to be on the CIP or constructed until at least the year 2017;

**Whereas** the School Board members made numerous assurances in recent years that a South County Middle School would be a priority and accelerated on the CIP;

**Whereas** the projections upon which the CIP is based have been unreliable in the past, including the projection that South County would have 500 fewer students in just the first year than have actually enrolled;

**Whereas** there is continuing residential growth occurring in South County, including the development of new neighborhoods, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) process and its affect on nearby Fort Belvoir; the current and projected population increases for Lorton, which is expected to increase by 27,000 residents in the next 5-7 years;.

**Whereas** there are significant problems and costs that result from keeping SCSS over capacity that would be relieved through the construction of a middle school;.

**Whereas** Fairfax County already owns the land upon which to build a new South County Middle School.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved** that the South County Federation:

- 1) Calls upon the Fairfax County School Board and Board of Supervisors to take every action necessary to accelerate the construction of a South County Middle School so that it can be open by the year 2011;
- 2) Calls upon all public officials in the South County area to work together with local residents and community leaders to seek creative solutions, such as sharing facilities and locating other sources of federal and state funding;
- 3) Calls upon Federation members to express support for this resolution by contacting their local officials.

This resolution passed on a voice vote on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006.