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School Board Names Leaders for 2005-06

The Falls Church City School Board is set to begin a new school year under new leadership. At its meeting last week, the board named Craig Cheney Vice Chairman for 2005-06, and it reappointed Kathy Chandler the Chairman.

Cheney is an executive with an environmental consulting company. He and his wife, Sandy Lewis, are the parents of three students in the Falls Church City Public Schools. Cheney was elected to serve on the school board last year.



“I originally ran for office because I realized that there was no more important investment I was making with my tax dollars than the education of our children,” Cheney said. “As vice chairman, I will continue to work with the rest of the board to ensure we continue to make wise choices in these challenging fiscal and educational times.”

Cheney was nominated for the leadership post by former vice chairman Jay Grusin. Grusin will continue to serve as a board member for the remaining year of his term in office.



Kathy Chandler has served on the Falls Church City School Board since she was elected in 2002. She served as vice chairman for 2003-04 and as chairman in 2004-05. In her first year as school board chairman, she helped oversee the main construction phase of the new middle school; the school naming process and the realignment of school start times. She has a long history of volunteering in the city schools and her two daughters are graduates of George Mason High School.

“I ran for the school board because it seemed like the logical extension of my volunteer work for the schools,” Chandler said. “I wanted to ensure that the school board continued to include members who put the needs of the students first. I look forward to continuing with that focus in my second year as board chair.”

Chandler is employed by the U.S. Department of Education. She was nominated to serve for a second year as school board chairman by board member Ruth Brock.