

Virginia Students First Pledge

As a state lawmaker committed to ensuring all Virginia students have access to a high-quality education that prepares them for a brighter future, regardless of their background or circumstances, I pledge to support the following principles:

1. Empowering Parents:

I believe every child in Virginia deserves an education that works for them. I will champion policies that empower parents and guardians to make educational choices that best suit their child's unique needs, strengths and learning style – expanding access to schools where students can achieve their greatest aspirations.

2. Supporting Educators:

I believe in supporting and valuing our teachers. I will work to ensure that educators have the resources, professional development, and autonomy necessary to excel in their roles and inspire students to reach their full potential – and to oppose union legislative and regulatory agendas that put the preservation of union political power above the best interests of teachers and their students.

3. Rejecting Funding from Teachers Unions:

To maintain the integrity of my commitment to parents, students and rank-and-file educators, I pledge not to accept campaign contributions or funding from teachers unions or other special interests that put politics above the needs of students. This decision ensures my advocacy is focused solely on what is best for Virginia children and my constituents.

By pledging to uphold these principles, I aim to bridge the political divide and work collaboratively with colleagues from all sides to provide every child with an excellent education that meets their unique needs and prepares them for a bright future.

Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

Legislative district: _____

Signature: _____