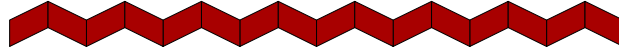


# PTAs and Booster Clubs Should Consider...



Any parent-teacher organization or booster club associated with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is strongly advised to consider (if it has not already done so):

## **Incorporating under Virginia law.**

- ✓ Incorporating legally protects the personal assets of officers and members of an organization in the case of a lawsuit. Any attorney can easily do the paperwork needed to incorporate, and the cost is usually minimal.

## **Purchasing a liability insurance policy.**

- ✓ Purchasing liability insurance helps protect the organization's assets in the case of a liability claim or lawsuit. FCPS is protected by the Fairfax County School Board Liability Self-Insurance Plan.
- ✓ That plan, however, specifically excludes coverage for PTAs and booster clubs. If a PTA or booster club sponsors an activity or event, it will not be financially protected by the School Board against any resulting claim or lawsuit, even if the activity or event is held on school property.
- ✓ Therefore, each PTA and booster club is advised to purchase a liability insurance policy for financial protection. (Most PTAs in Fairfax County can purchase an annual liability policy simply by paying a small premium to the Virginia Congress of PTAs.) Policies also can be purchased, by either organization, for short-term periods (e.g., one day, one weekend); these are typically called 'special-event' policies.

