



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Honorable Glenn Youngkin  
Governor of Virginia  
Capitol Square  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Youngkin:

I am grateful and humbled to have had the opportunity to serve the children and families of Virginia and I continue to strongly support you and your vision for education in Virginia.

I am particularly proud of the fact that we advanced your agenda for education over the past two successful General Assembly sessions. First, we passed and began implementing the Virginia Literacy Act, which I know will have a lasting impact on all students for years to come and be a model for other states. Second, we released the report, *Our Commitment to Virginians*, which is a roadmap for school and student success, and for parents to be their child's most important teacher. And because of our work, many more students will have access to career and technical education courses that better prepare them for the next steps in their lives.

On the other hand, I write to inform you that I am submitting my resignation as Virginia's State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Having now served as the top school official in two states, I am excited to continue sharing your priorities: advocating for parents, focusing on academic achievement, expanding choice, and improving school safety. More than any other contemporary conservative elected official, I believe you have reinstated the importance of providing quality education and I know that many other states are eager to follow your lead.

My family and I have quickly developed roots in Virginia, and though we have family in the west, we will continue to reside here in the Commonwealth for the foreseeable future.

I hold the staff at the Virginia Department of Education in high esteem and appreciate the opportunity to continuing to serve your Administration as a consultant.

I look forward to working with you and your team on a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Balow", written over a circular blue stamp or watermark.

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