HENRICO SCHOOLS

Woman seeks Fairfield District seat

Board incumbent
Bagby said he’s not
decided about run

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A Henrico County woman has announced her candidacy for the Fairfield District seat on the county’s School Board.

“After advocating for years ... I thought it was time to step up my advocacy and to make a bigger impact,” Tara Adams said in an interview.

Adams described herself as a veteran of the financial services sector who has taught as an adjunct at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

Adams outlined priorities such as ensuring that all schools in the Fairfield District are accredited, addressing the achievement gap in the county, making sure there’s an equitable distribution of resources to county schools and addressing the imbalanced rate at which minority students are suspended.

“Henrico has some of the best schools in the nation; however, we have much more to do to ensure that all of our students have the skills needed to become productive citizens and to compete in an ever-changing global society,” Adams wrote in a release.

All five seats on the board will be up for election in November, as will all five seats on the county’s Board of Supervisors.

The Fairfield District incumbent, Lamont Bagby, has publicly expressed interest in the 74th District House of Delegates seat - recently recaptured in a special election by incumbent Joseph D. Morrissey - but said in an interview that he hasn’t decided if he’ll run for re-election to the School Board in November.

Adams is the mother of two children who graduated from the county school system in 2013 and 2014. She attended Morgan State University before receiving her bachelor’s degree and master’s of business administration from Strayer University.

She is a former vice president of the Henrico County Council of PTAs and former president of the Varina High School PTSA.

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