

Lillie G. Jessie
Occoquan District School Board Member
Endorsement For Richard Jessie
As the Occoquan District School Board Candidate

No one better qualified to assume my seat than Richard Jessie, aka R.M. "Jessie." He has been a partner in my education journey for over forty years. He has also actively participated in my eleven-year Prince William County School Board tenure. Both experiences gave him the insight and knowledge to be a formidable contender for this seat.

He managed, and continues to manage, my education consultant business, High Expectation Learning. He knows how and why all students can and should learn at high levels because he has seen it in action. More importantly, as my campaign manager for the school board, he played a significant role in my highly successful campaign.

He took an active interest in the school board activities, becoming a frequent speaker during Citizen's Time. More importantly, he was actively involved in organizing and implementing many successes in the Occoquan District and the eastern end of the county concerns. These include:

- Trailer reductions: At one time, there were 125 trailers on the eastern corridor and only ten on the west. There has been a significant reduction on our end. Still, the building of the new Jenkins school, combined with the additions to three elementary schools, reduced the number substantially, with only two schools having trailers in the Occoquan District prior to redistricting. We anticipate none when the new Occoquan Elementary is built in 2025.
- Boundary Issues: After the three additions to Occoquan District Elementary Schools, the Central Office proposed that approximately 1600 students be transferred to different schools. Jessie worked with the community and Central Office and developed a plan that was adopted and only moved about 400 students.
- Infrastructure Inequities at Woodbridge High School: Assisted in organizing a campaign that resulted in new facilities and upgrades after more than 45 years of waiting.
 - New Football Turf Field and Track
 - Stadium Upgrade
 - Gym Annex

He will continue to monitor and advocate for the upcoming Capital Improvements, which include:

- A new high school off Minnieville Road
- The first Net Zero School for the new Occoquan Elementary
- A Specialty Program at Woodbridge High School

He continues to advocate for an indoor track in PWC.

Most importantly, he strongly supports the Superintendent's Strategic Plan.