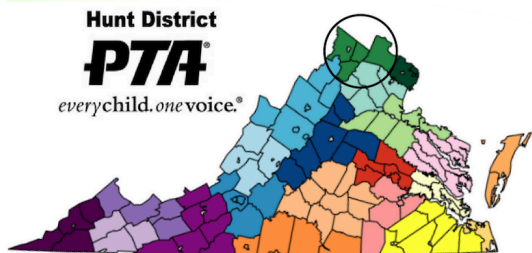


ROUNDTABLE AGENDA



WED. APRIL 18, 2018

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Waltonwood, Ashburn

44141 Russell Branch Parkway Ashburn, VA 20147

- 6:30 - 7:00 PM** **Social Half-Hour (Celebratory refreshments provided by GamePoint Athletics)**
- Please sign-in & pick up your name tag and door prize ticket
- 7:00 - 7:05** **Welcome & Introductions: Jenna Alexander, Hunt District Director**
- 7:05 - 7:15** **Inspiration: Sarah Gross, Virginia PTA President**
- 7:15 - 7:30** **District Business**
- Treasurer's Report & Minutes Approval
 - Bylaws, 5 year Renewal Vote
 - District Awards & Recognition
 - Virginia PTA Lifetime Membership: Lorraine Hightower
 - Newly Chartered PTAs: Willard PTA & Goshen Post PTA
 - Largest Ratio of Members: Aldie ES
 - Highest Amount of New Members: Trailside MS, Harmony MS
 - Largest Ratio Increase: Montessori Children's House & Countryside ES
- 7:30 - 7:40** **Keynote Speaker: Atif Qarni, Virginia Secretary of Education**
- 7:40 - 8:20** **Roundtable Discussion: Challenges & Opportunities for Innovation**
When you think about education locally and across the Commonwealth, what types of things are we doing well, and where do you think there is opportunity to innovate or improve to ensure our children are prepared for the workforce? How does the ideal classroom work and what is the role of technology? Are we setting the foundation for an active, health conscious life style?
- 8:20 - 9:00** **Roundtable Discussion: Building Bridges; School, Home and Community**
Family involvement is key to the educational success of our children, however, cultural expectations and employment obligations can limit parent involvement. What can we do to support our title I schools as a community? What does effective two-way communication look like? What innovative things are you doing to build a collaborative atmosphere that ensures all families feel empowered to participate in their child's education and stay connected to each other, school staff and your local community?

Thank you for coming!

Please fill out a comment card to share ideas for next year.

**We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 4th 8AM - 4PM
at Freedom High School for Virginia PTA Leadership Training!**

SPECIAL GUESTS



Atif Qarni, Virginia Secretary of Education

Prior to his appointment as Governor Northam's Secretary of Education, Atif Qarni taught at Beville Middle School in Prince William County, leading courses in civics, economics, U.S. History, and mathematics. He has been a member of the Virginia Education Association since 2008, having previously served as a GED Night School Instructor. In 2016, Atif was recognized as the Dale City Teacher of the Year.

In addition to his work as an educator, Atif is a former Sergeant of the United States Marine Corps, Reserves and was deployed to Iraq in 2003 on Active Duty Assignment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has also served at the state level, having been appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Small Business Commission in 2013.

Secretary Qarni holds a Bachelor's in Sociology from George Washington University as well as a Master's in History and teaching license from George Mason University.



Sarah Gross, Virginia PTA President

Prior to serving as President of Virginia PTA, Sarah Gross held various local and state positions including local unit president, president of Richmond City Council of PTAs and served for four years as the chair of the Advocacy Committee for Virginia PTA.

She currently serves on the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee and the Governor's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Her work with families, parents, teachers and students of Virginia public schools focuses on effective family engagement, empowering families and parents in advocacy efforts, equitable funding, assessment reform and programs to support learning and student success. She is most proud of her two Richmond public school educated students who are both currently in high school.

