



Welcome

## Town Hall Meetings

Western Town Hall – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 14, Central High School – Eagle Theatre

Eastern Town Hall – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19, Salem Baptist Church

*Public is welcome to attend either or both meetings*

*Virtual participation available via Zoom on*

October 14th: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83321574085?pwd=aDYyNjdEQWtVRcTlDd6S3hNQj09>

October 19th: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430909893?pwd=dk4xTFNBczA1dlo3U0REUi9VcVlxQT09>

or view live stream (view only) at <https://www.goochlandva.us/1154/County-Meetings>



## TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

- ✓ Financial Situation
- ✓ 2021 Goochland Bond Referendum
- ✓ Broadband Coverage Expansion
- ✓ Goochland Redistricting Update
- ✓ Economic Development Update
- ✓ County-wide Transportation Projects Update
- ✓ General Election Reminders
- ✓ Avenues for Citizen Engagement

# Where We Were

- Infrastructure Needs of the County were Identified 10 Years Ago
- TCSD Debt Loomed Large
  - Great Pressure to Raise Ad Valorem Tax
- Goochland Elementary in Need of Replacement
- Courthouse outdated and does not meet 21<sup>st</sup> Century needs
- New Fire Stations Needed – West Creek Station most imminent
- Broadband Estimates \$15 – \$20 Million

# What We Did

- Conservative Budgeting and Financial Management
- Restructured TCSD Debt in 2012 & 2020 (\$12.8 million net savings)
- Stabilized Ad Valorem Tax
- Established Debt and Fund Balance Policies
- Created Reserves for Future CIP's and Revenue Fluctuations
- Created a 25 Year CIP
- Paid Down Debt – Debt service is 2.6% of GF expenditures

# Where We Are

- Strong fund balance levels
- Debt service historically low and stable
- Favorable revenue and expenditure results
- Long-term planning with a 25 year CIP
- Led to:
  - Standard & Poors – AAA in 2015
  - Moody's – Aaa in 2018
  - Fitch – Pending ???

# Fitch Rating Achieved – Oct 13, 2021

- Triple-Triple
- Top Rating from the Top 3 Credit Ratings Agencies
- Smallest County to Earn Three AAA Bond Ratings
- Able to go directly to the market for the Lowest Interest Rates

Seeking Bond Referendum that allows us to issue debt at  
Lowest Rate

# Referendum Questions

On November 2, 2021, two ballot questions will ask Goochland County voters whether the County should be authorized to issue up to \$96 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds to pay for improvements to public facilities. Voters will respond “yes “or “no” to each question.

The proposed bond amounts are:

- Up to \$60 million for school projects
- Up to \$36 million for public safety projects



# Referendum Projects

## School Projects:

- New Elementary School
- HS Expansion
- Bulldog Way and Parking Lot Improvements

## County Projects:

- New Courthouse Complex
- New West Creek Fire Station

No Increase in Real Estate Tax Rate





### What does a Yes Vote Mean?

The County will be able to finance the projects through the bond market. General Obligation Bonds traditionally carry lower overall borrowing costs when compared to other funding options and therefore are considered the most prudent method to finance long-term capital projects.



### What does a No vote mean?

The County would not be able to fund the projects through General Obligation Bonds. The County could finance the projects either through cash funding or through commercial financing. Cash funding would take additional time and commercial financing would include additional administrative costs.

Virginia Code requires county to secure voter approval through a referendum before issuing General Obligation Bonds.

Website: [www.goochlandva.us/bonds](http://www.goochlandva.us/bonds)

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Request a Presentation Form

Email: [GVABonds2021@goochlandva.us](mailto:GVABonds2021@goochlandva.us)

Phone: (804) 556-5828

**More Info?**



# Broadband Coverage Expansion

- Consultant proposed that County spend \$15M to \$20M to connect unserved areas.
- We have Partnered with Private Providers: Firefly Fiber Broadband, Port 80 Internet Services, Central VA Electric, Rappahannock Electric, Comcast and Dominion Energy
- By end of 2023 high speed broadband will be accessible throughout Goochland
  - Total Investment over \$25 Million
  - County Contribution = \$3.7 Million
  - Firefly & Port 80 connecting 2,993+ locations.
  - Additional funding for “long runs” will be available from a Department of Housing and Community Development “Long Drop” grant program.

Survey tool for citizens and businesses to share important data on broadband needs: <https://arcg.is/1X9nz40>

Broadband resources: [www.goochlandva.us/broadband](http://www.goochlandva.us/broadband)

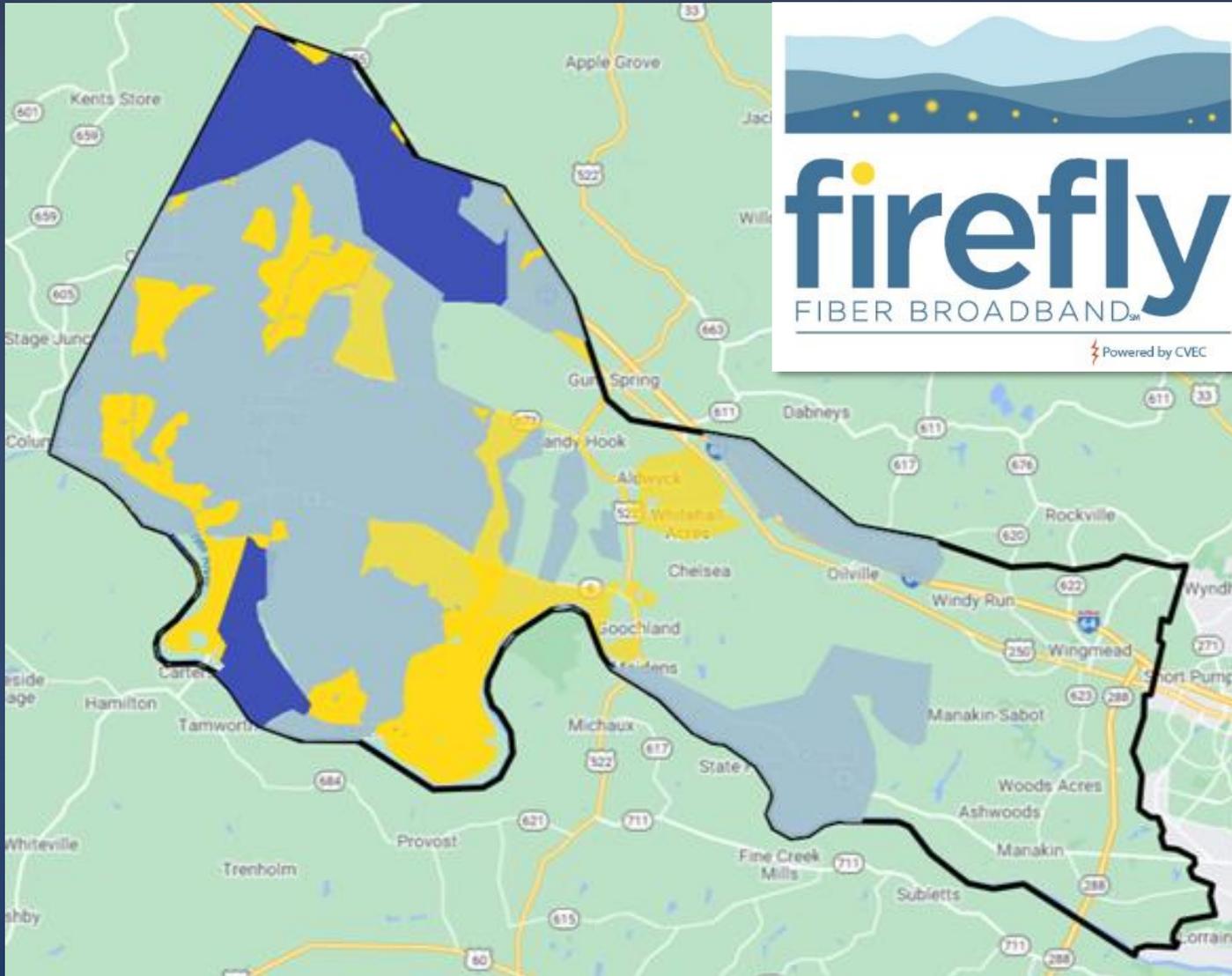


# County Broadband Update

## Firefly Fiber Broadband Project

### Project Partners:

- Firefly Fiber Broadband, Dominion, Central Virginia Electric, Rappahannock Electric, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission & Goochland County
- 276 miles of fiber connecting 2,765 unserved passings
- USDA ReConnect FY 2019 & 2020, FCC RDOF, VATI 2022 (*applied*)
- \$25,220,000 total project cost
  - \$17,532,500 – Partners
  - \$ 4,050,000 – VATI Request
  - \$ 3,637,500 – Goochland



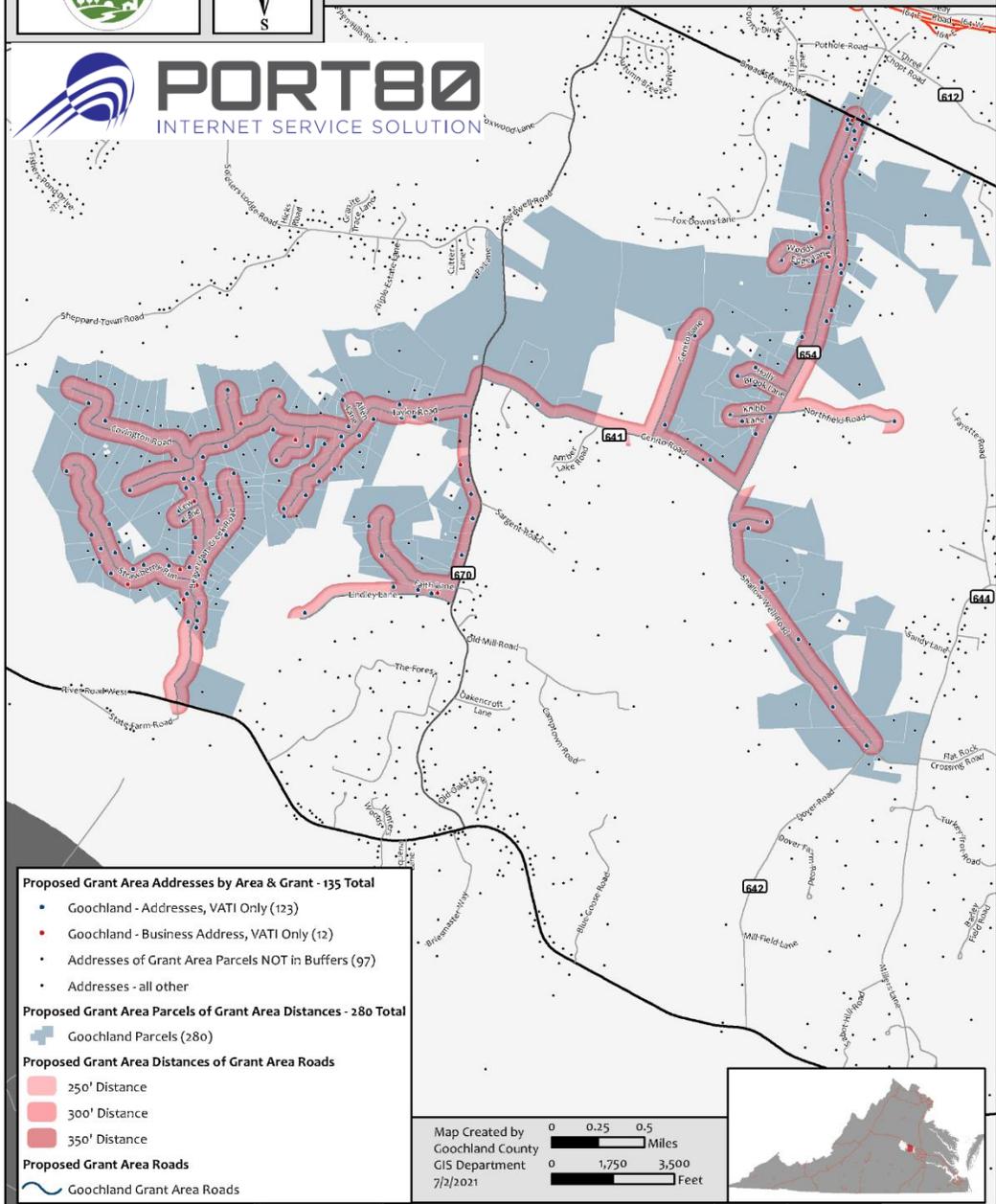
 Federal Funding  RISE  CVEC

[www.fireflyva.com](http://www.fireflyva.com)





Goochland County Port 80 Internet Services  
2021 VATI Broadband Grant Area



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## VATI Project - Port 80 Internet Service

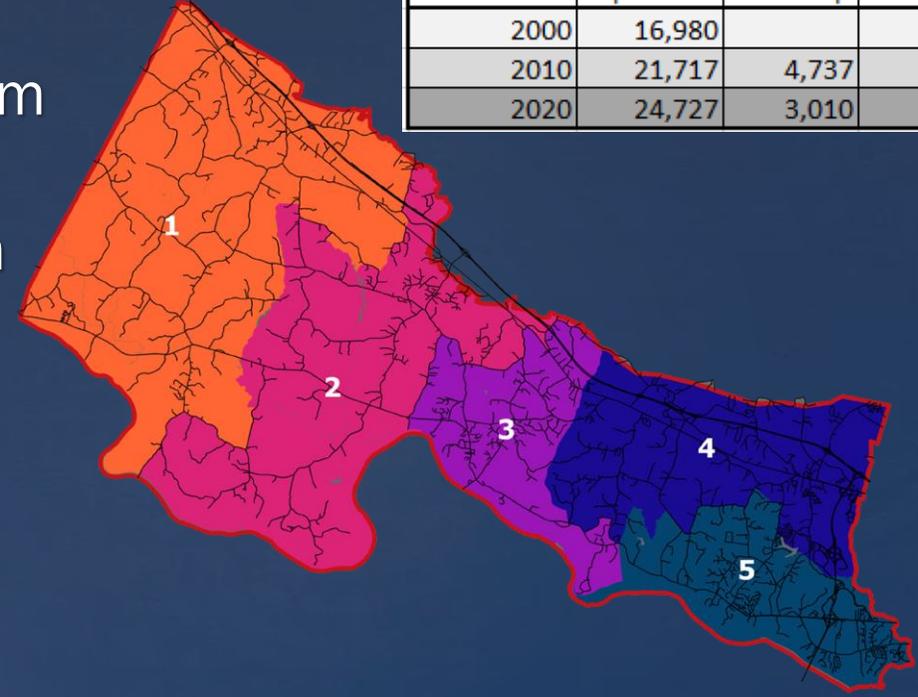
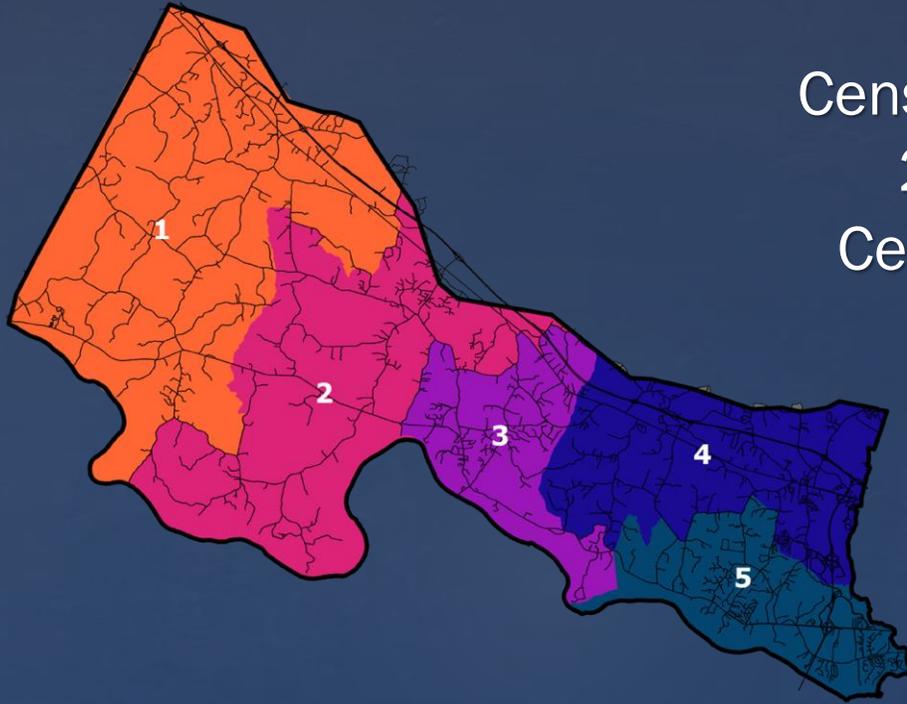
- Construction began in August 2021
- Extending fiber along Cardwell Rd., Taylor Rd., Covington, Genito Road, a portion of Shallow Well Rd., and Strawberry Run.
- \$915,265.39 total project cost
  - \$567,558 from VATI (DHCD)
  - \$100,000 from Goochland County
  - \$247,707 from Port 80 Internet Services
- 18.92 miles of backbone fiber & 12.96 miles of new drops connecting 228 passings.
- 6.4 miles of fiber and fiber backbone along Cardwell Rd. completed.

Visit [www.port80.us](http://www.port80.us), email [goochland@port80.us](mailto:goochland@port80.us), or call (804) 800-7678 to sign up for service



# Goochland Redistricting Update

Census changes from  
2010 to 2020  
Census Population



Census Year	Population	Dif in Pop	% Dif of Pop
2000	16,980		
2010	21,717	4,737	21.81%
2020	24,727	3,010	12.17%

District	2010			2020			Dif '10 to '20		
	Blocks	Total Pop	% of Pop	Blocks	Total Pop	% of Pop	Dif Blocks	Dif in Pop	% of growth
	1,075	21,717		730	24,727				
1	285	4,347	20.02%	202	4,681	18.93%	83	334	7.14%
2	198	4,199	19.34%	122	4,395	17.77%	76	196	4.46%
3	161	4,296	19.78%	87	4,229	17.10%	74	-67	-1.58%
4	208	4,362	20.09%	169	5,826	23.56%	39	1,464	25.13%
5	223	4,513	20.78%	150	5,596	22.63%	73	1,083	19.35%
	1,075	21,717	100.00%	730	24,727	100.00%	345	3,010	12.17%

# Economic Development Update

## Recently Completed Projects

- Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Institute
- Residence Inn Hotel – 130 Rooms
- Tuckahoe Pines Retirement Center



## Near Completion

- Greenswell Growers (Hydroponic Facility)
- WT Curtis – New Facility
- Courthouse Creek Cidery expansion



## Under Construction

- Avery Point (Continuing Care Retirement Community)
- Advanced Auto
- Tommy's Car Wash
- Valvoline
- Chick Fil A
- Creekmore Medical Office Complex
- Bellview Gardens Medical Offices
- Oak Hill Complex – apartments, retail, office
- Dollar General



# County-wide Transportation Projects Update

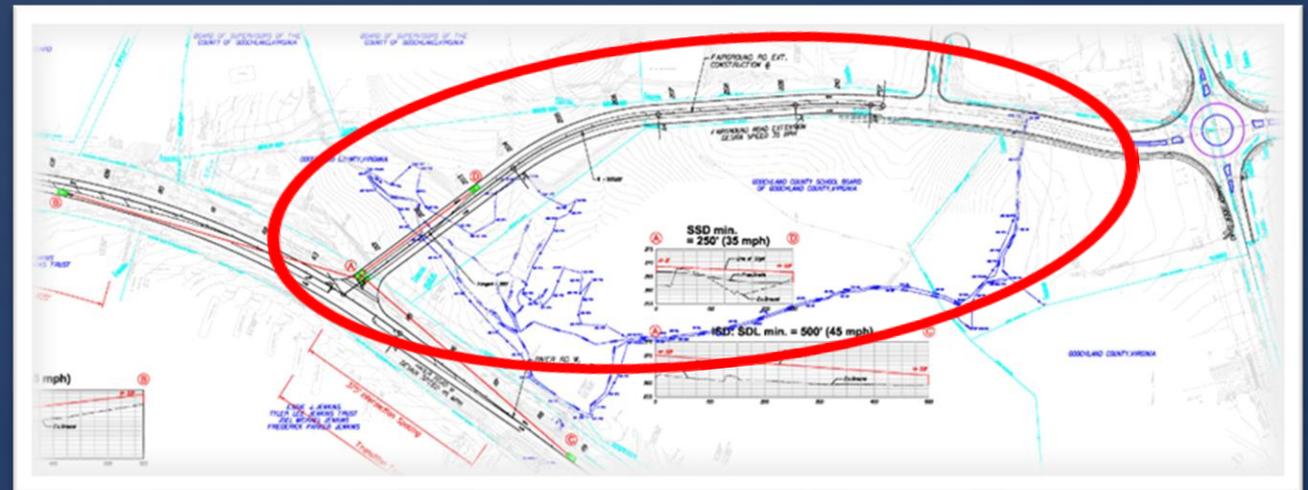
## Fairground & Sandy Hook Road Intersection Improvement

- Fully funded
- Engineering completed in 2021
- Construction advertisement: early 2022



## Fairground Road Extension Project

- Engineering is underway
- Construction advertisement: 2024





# General Election Reminders

## ELECTION DAY – November 2, 2021

- General Registrar's Office:
  - 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, Va 23063
- Voter Satellite Office for Early Voting:
  - Parks and Recreation Building  
1800 Sandy Hook Road,  
Goochland, VA 23063
  - Weekdays, Monday – Friday,  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
  - Saturday, 10/23 & 10/30,  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Sunday, 10/24  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

[www.goochlandva.us/vote](http://www.goochlandva.us/vote)



## IMPORTANT DATES & POLLING PLACE CHANGES

- Last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed: Friday, October 22, 2021
- Last day to vote Early: Saturday, October 30, 2021

In District 1: 0101 – Fife Precinct moves from Company 4 Firehouse to Mizpah Christian Church (5257 Old Columbia Rd., Goochland, VA 23063)

In District 3: 0301 & 0302 – Goochland Courthouse 1 & Goochland Courthouse 2 Precincts moves from Company 5 Firehouse to Goochland Sports Complex (1800 Sandy Hook Rd., Goochland, VA 23063)

# Avenues for Citizen Engagement

County Website [www.goochlandva.us/](http://www.goochlandva.us/)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GoochlandCountyVA/>

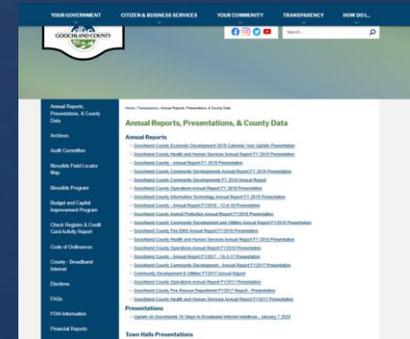
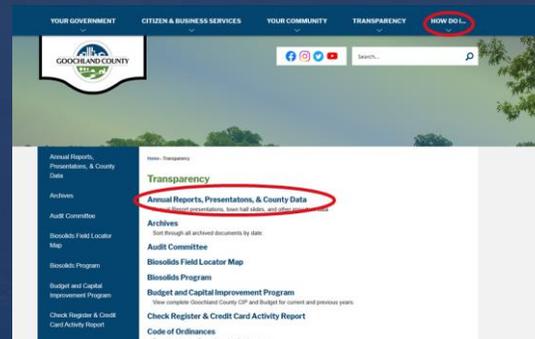
Code Red [www.goochlandva.us/408/code-red-alerts](http://www.goochlandva.us/408/code-red-alerts)

Twitter @GoochlandGovtVA

Call 804-556-5800

Monthly Board of Supervisors Meetings Occur the First Tuesday of Each Month Beginning at 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

The Town Hall slides will be posted within 24 hours after the meeting on the County website ([www.goochlandva.us](http://www.goochlandva.us)) under the “Transparency” tab on the page “Annual Reports, Presentations, & County Data.”





# Brief Questions Before Schools Presentation



# Town Hall

October 2021

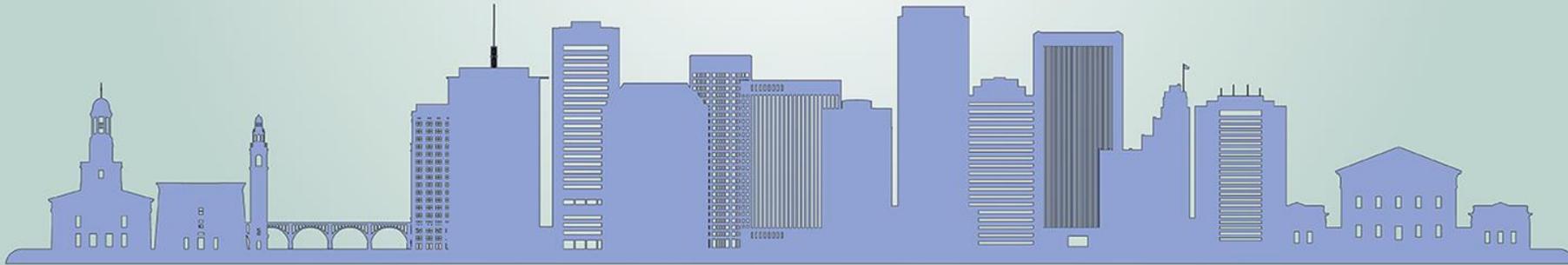




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**Not news to us!**  
**GCPS Teachers**  
**are the BEST in Richmond!**



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# Three years in a row with PERFECT MARKS!

**20/20**

**Results**

**20/20**

**Compliance**

**100%**

**Overall**

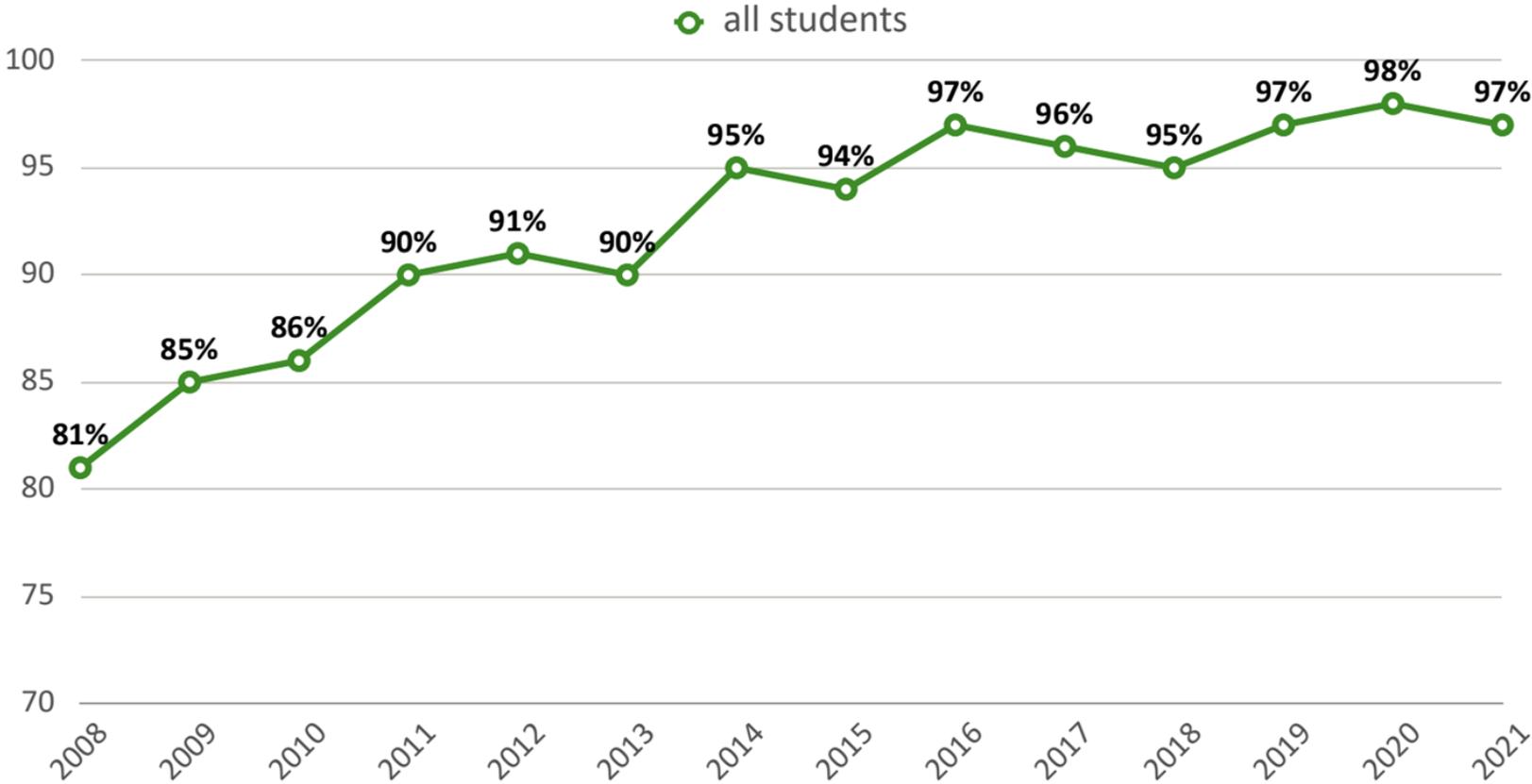
**One of only 19 divisions state-wide to earn a perfect score on Virginia's Annual Special Education Assessment!**



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# Goochland High School On-Time Graduation Rate (OGR)

**Exceeds**  
State  
Average  
by nearly  
**5%!**



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2021-2022 School Opening Update



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# New GES Design



**Design**

**November 2021**  
Complete Programming and Conceptual Design

**January 2022**  
Complete Schematic Design

**April 2022**  
Complete Design Development

**July 2022**  
Complete Construction Documents



**Construction**

**2022**  
Permitting and Procurement

**November 2022**  
Notice to Proceed

**May 2024**  
Substantial Completion

**June 2024**  
Final Completion



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#BestYearEver

