



Elizabeth B. Murphy

Executive Director Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools

Elizabeth Murphy joined the Foundation for FCPS as Executive Director in June, 2015. Over the past year, she has raised funds to support cyber education, STEM learning enhancements, and health care training. She drove the implementation of a comprehensive marketing plan to increase the visibility of the Foundation in the community, and was instrumental in the expansion of the FCPS Honors to include recognition for business and community partners.

Prior to coming to the Foundation, Ms. Murphy was the CEO of Leadership Fairfax, the largest community leadership development organization in Northern Virginia, where she is credited with guiding the organization's strategic direction, ensuring financial stability and the successful delivery of the annual class program and alumni activities. She created new leadership programs, and grew participation in events, while concentrating on building and maintaining relationships with corporate and community partners across the county. From 2007-2012, she was the CEO of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, where she produced the 6-concert season featuring 90 professional musicians, held 2 large fundraising events annually, and managed over 40 yearly small group, outreach, and educational performances in local parks and public schools.

Ms. Murphy was selected by the Virginia Commission for the Arts as state-wide coordinator of the Minds Wide Open festival in 2012, and sits on the grants review panel for the Arts Council of Fairfax County. A 2013 graduate of Leadership Fairfax, she currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, an Advisory Board member of the Honors College at George Mason University, and on the development committee of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. A long-time resident of Fairfax County, Ms. Murphy has two sons who are FCPS alumni.