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Hi everyone,

Happy New Year! We're grateful to each of you for the progress we made in 2017. This year, we're excited to build the STAY RVA community and support our students, staff and schools.

## Mark Your Calendar

- STAY RVA Launch in Scott's Addition on Thursday, January 11th at 5:30.
- Thomas Jefferson High School tour on January 16th at 9:30am.
- STAY DAY on January 27th. We will have a Saturday volunteer morning at three different schools throughout the city.

[Get More Details or RSVP](#)

## Recent Accomplishments

- STAY RVA held seven launches throughout the city from the first district, to the 8th district, to Manchester. The purpose of these launches is to gather community members in local neighborhoods and share our mission "to help make Richmond's public schools a thriving example of a successful, urban school system."
- We partnered with Capital One and real estate company, Jenni and Company, to deliver 120 gift bags to teachers at Marshall high school before the holidays and to provide a holiday breakfast and cheer to staff at Ginter Park Elementary and Henderson Middle School.
- We are recognized as a formal partner for RPS and communicate effectively and strategically to ensure that we are taking actions to focus on stated needs of specific

- We've had two great sessions of Be the Change Club at Albert Hill Middle School.
- We rolled out our website where we can share Success Spotlights of great things happening in RPS, and events for STAY RVA. Check it out at [www.stayrva.org](http://www.stayrva.org). Fishwink has done a fantastic job with the site!
- STAY RVA began our STAY Supporter Program, where community members are placed with a staff member at a school and bring that staff member a treat three times during the school year. The STAY Supporter Program is currently at Albert Hill, TJ High School, and Westover Hills Elementary. Over 110 community members signed up to be a part of this initiative.
- We also have a Stock the Lounge program at Henderson Middle School, where community members come in and bring snacks/ drinks to the teacher's lounge.
- We provided snacks and drinks to teachers who are doing after school tutoring at TJ high school.

## How YOU Can Get Involved

- Join us at [one of the above events](#). Bonus: we have NEW awesome t-shirts which will be for sale there.
- Contact us about hosting a launch in your neighborhood, email [info@stayrva.org](mailto:info@stayrva.org) if you would like to do this.
- Consider being a STAY Leader for your neighborhood, we need community members in each district to represent the needs of the schools in their area and to help work as a contact person for each school and STAY RVA. Email us if you are interested to [kim@stayrva.org](mailto:kim@stayrva.org).
- [Sign up to bring snacks/ food](#) for the Stock the Lounge Initiative at Henderson or email us at [info@stayrva.org](mailto:info@stayrva.org) and we can sign you up.
- Want to work with a middle school student one hour per week? Contact [kjemaine@higherachievement.org](mailto:kjemaine@higherachievement.org) and visit [www.higherachievement.org](http://www.higherachievement.org) to find out more about this great volunteer opportunity.

I'm Ready To Get Involved!

## Shout Outs

Capital One: You all have been awesome, from painting the hand railings at TJ high school, to putting together and helping to deliver 120 gift bags to teachers and staff members at Marshall High School- THANK YOU!

and felt genuinely appreciated as teachers for the hard work they do each and every day. Thanks Jenni and Co. for making this possible!

## Who We Are

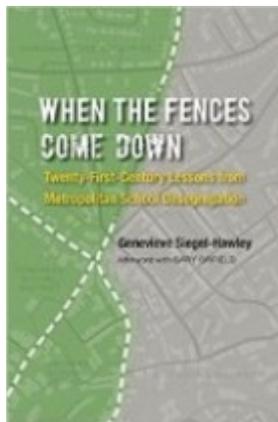
STAY RVA stands for Supporting, Together, Area Youth and we can do this by staying in the city, putting down roots, sending our kids to RPS schools and taking actions to support those schools.

## Additional Resources



### Are Private Schools Immoral?

This podcast/ transcript is pretty powerful, STAY RVA does not endorse the title of the piece in the Atlantic, but try not to let it deter you from the honest conversation captured in the interview.

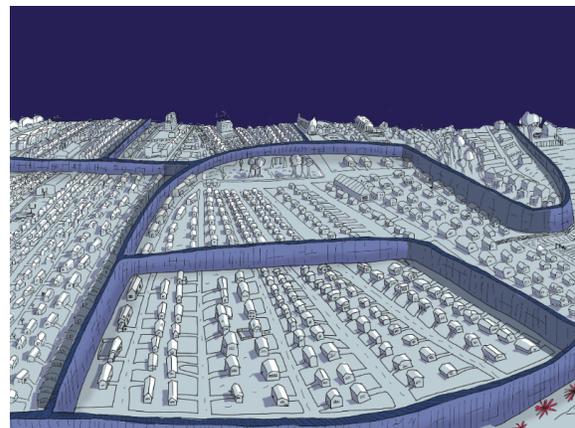


### When the Fences Come Down:



### Community Perspectives Survey

Please take a moment to complete this survey. RPS wants to hear from all community members about how the schools can best serve you and your family.



### School Segregation Gerrymander Maps

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By [Genevieve Siegel-Hawley](#)

zone borders can reduce or perpetuate racial segregation.

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With Gratitude,

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