



## ***Old Dominion Association of Church Schools***

January 22, 2023

Dear State Government Day Sponsor,

I trust that you are making plans for the State Government Day coming up on Monday, January 30. **At this time there are 91 students and adults registered from nine ODACS schools.**

One of the most valuable opportunities of the day is the chance to meet with the delegates and senators that represent you. **Accordingly, we have tentatively scheduled the period from 9:45-11:00 for observing committee hearings and meeting lawmakers.** Please schedule your meetings then or at some time after your tour time. You will probably have only enough time to make one visit to a senator's office or a delegate's office, so it may be best to choose just one person to visit. These people are usually happy to meet with you, though it may require that they slip out of a committee meeting to do so. **However, you must call your senator's office or delegate's office to arrange this meeting.** You can find contact information for legislators online or by calling the legislative information numbers: 804-698-1500 (House), and 804-698-7410 (Senate). You may also call me at 540-975-1536, and I will be happy to assist you.

*A tentative schedule of activities follows.*

- 9:00 Meet at St. Paul's Church; instructions from Mr. Zacharias
- 9:15 Visit from Dignitary: **Delegate Bobby Orrock**
- 9:45 Observe committee hearings in Pocahontas Building; meet your delegate or senator
- 11:00 Return to St. Paul's Church
- 11:10 Seminar, **Mr. Jamison Coppola**, Government Relations Director for AACCS in Washington, DC
- 11:45 Lunch – Pizza
- 12:30 Visit Galleries
- 1:00 Tour Group A (FBF, TVB, VE)
- 1:30 Tour Group B (ABR, FF, GH, SCP)
- 2:00 Tour Group C (GGC, LR)

Cost: \$17 per student (includes lunch); \$10 per chaperone. Please bring payment to the event.

Dress: Guys are expected to wear dress slacks (no jeans), dress shoes (no tennis shoes), and conservative neckties. Girls are expected to wear modest, knee-length dresses or skirts and dress shoes. These students will be representing Christian education before an often skeptical group of legislators, and we want them to represent their schools and the Lord well.

Security Measures: Important security measures have been instituted at the capitol. Students are asked ***NOT*** to bring backpacks into the building. All students will have to enter through metal detectors and thus should leave behind anything that might trigger the detector and delay the group.

Sincerely,

Dan Zacharias  
Executive Director