

ANITA B. CLINE

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I am seeking your vote for the position of retired delegate to the VEA Convention in Virginia Beach in April of 2012.

I am still active in my local retired organization, Fairfax County Retired Educators. I am serving my sixth year as Secretary of FCRE. On January 23, active members of the retired teachers in our part of Virginia will rise before 6:00 a. m. to catch the bus to Richmond to make clear priorities of educators, as the legislators decide how the budget dollars will be spent. We will have to wage a hard fight if we are to preserve the Defined Benefit retirement plan that retired teachers have always had in this state. The state has not paid their fair share into the retirement fund for several years; that's why it is underfunded. Funding virtual schools is not a luxury Virginia can afford, but the governor and the Delegates seek ways to put money into private schools, virtual schools—at the expense of our public schools. Before I retired and since I retired from teaching, I continue my interest in, and energy into staying informed, and informing my state senator and delegate and their colleagues of what is needed for teachers and students in Virginia.

I take pride in being a lifetime member of VEA, NEA, FCRE, and our local FEA-R. If I am elected, it will be my pleasure and honor to serve at the VEA convention. Please vote for me, ANITA B. CLINE, for retired delegate. Thank you.