



Dear State Fair Visitors,

The Virginia Lottery is once again delighted to welcome you to the State Fair of Virginia. This year marks more than three decades of partnership with the State Fair.

In 1988, just days after the Virginia Lottery launched its first game, Lottery employees made their way to the State Fair to be with fairgoers. We have continued the Fall tradition ever since and look forward to funnel cakes and ferris wheels with each Fair.

You may know that since 1999, 100% of Virginia Lottery profits have been directed to Virginia's K – 12 public schools. Since then, the Lottery has contributed more than \$11 billion to support a variety of education programs across the Commonwealth. In this last year alone, a record \$779 million was contributed to public schools. While Lottery profits account for approximately 10% of the entire education budget every year, the General Assembly uses our funds for a variety of important programs like career and technical training, early reading intervention, class size reduction and algebra readiness tutoring.

We are pleased to continue our sponsorship of “Virginia's Largest Outdoor Classroom” at the State Fair Educational Expo. In addition to generating revenue, our mission also includes celebrating the heart of the classroom – educators – whether through campaigns like “Thank a Teacher” or sponsoring developmental opportunities and conferences for staff. Thank you, from all of us at the Virginia Lottery, for your work in and out of the classroom.

As the 2022-2023 school year gets underway, I hope you will join us in wishing educators, support staff and administrators a great year ahead.

Kelly Gee

Executive Director