

**Petition to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to include Tamil Language in  
Elementary, Middle, and High Schools**

Tamil is one of the longest surviving classical languages in the world, with a traceable history exceeding 2,500 years. The Tamil community is widespread, with about **90 million** native speakers across the globe. Tamil is an official language in India, Sri Lanka, and Singapore and a minority language in Malaysia, South Africa, Mauritius, and Canada.

More than **10,000** Tamil families live in Fairfax County, Virginia. We are thankful to Fairfax County, which included the Tamil language in the High School World language credit program since 2010. We request Fairfax County to include Tamil language in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. If this happens, Fairfax County will be the first to include Tamil language in the United States.

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Address (VA Fairfax County residents only)

Date

Please send a scanned copy to [NOVATamilRead@gmail.com](mailto:NOVATamilRead@gmail.com) OR hand it over to a Valluvan Tamil Academy member before

Jan 14th, 2024