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**YMCA Fairfax County Reston Gets Visit from Senator Bernie Sanders**

**WASHINGTON—Aug. 10, 2021 –** On Friday, Aug. 6, YMCA Fairfax County Reston welcomed U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (VT) for a visit to view YMCA Fairfax County Reston’s summer camp and childcare programs. “In partnership with Virginia Partnership for Out of School Time, this was a monumental visit, where we had an opportunity to demonstrate to Senator Sanders how increased funding for school age children and youth programs can help reach so many more children, especially those in underserved communities,” said David Rodriguez executive director, YMCA of Fairfax County Reston. Senator Sanders emphasized the importance of civic responsibility and continued funding for programs that provide childcare services and support families. The Senator’s visit was connected to the ARP-ESSER funding which is specific to elementary and secondary school relief.

Senator Bernie Sanders was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006 after serving 16 years in the House of Representatives. He is the longest serving independent member of Congress in American history.

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The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is a non-profit 501(c)3 charity organization. Our mission is to foster the spiritual, mental and physical development of individuals, families and communities according to the ideals of inclusiveness, equality and mutual respect for all. For nearly 168 years, the Y has been serving communities in Washington, D.C., Maryland and northern Virginia with programs that focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.  For more information visit [www.ymcadc.org](http://www.ymcadc.org).

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