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## NEWS RELEASE

### **SML Democrats Meet and Greet Terry McAuliffe and his wife, Dorothy**

The SML Democrats club welcomed former Governor and current Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Terry McAuliffe, and his wife, Dorothy, at a Meet and Greet in its office on July 3, 2021. The McAuliffes, who have been coming to Smith Mountain Lake with their children for the past nine summers, stopped by this year to chat with more than 60 members of the club.

“We were pleased that the Governor took time to meet us and answer our questions about how he will create a better, brighter future for all Virginians,” said Yvette Van Hise, Vice President of SML Democrats. Van Hise praised McAuliffe’s focus on children’s issues, particularly food insecurity, internet access, and world class educations.

The Governor explained that he plans to increase teacher pay from the lowest of all 50 states and expand pre-school education to all 3- and 4-year olds. To improve the economy, McAuliffe will pursue a \$15 hourly minimum wage, ensure paid family and sick leave and support minority owned businesses. His platform also includes access to affordable health care, an equitable justice system, and innovative solutions to strengthen clean energy production.

In regard to the upcoming election, Governor McAuliffe stated, “I am excited. I have more energy than the day I was born. I have 145 pages of policies on my website.”

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