

## **New Kids On the Block, *Washingtonian*, April 2003**

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**Ted Einstein** and **Deborah Hazel Johnson** might once have been considered typical PTA members in Washington's suburban public schools. He's a physics professor at the University of Maryland. She's a psychologist. They live on a quiet, leafy street of brick homes

in which no racial group predominates. The same will be true soon for Fairfax.

This demographic transformation challenges suburban schools in ways officials never imagined a couple of generations ago. They need to educate growing numbers of poor children and children who speak little or no English. At the same time they must hang on to the children of affluent families, who may be heading for private school in greater numbers.

The success, or failure, of these suburban