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Board of Education Honors High-Performing Title I Schools *Two Divisions also Cited for Raising Achievement of Disadvantaged Students*

The Virginia Board of Education is honoring two school divisions and 92 schools for raising the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students. The awards are based on student achievement on state assessments during the 2010-2011 and 2009-2010 school years.

Highland County and West Point earned the designation of “Distinguished Title I School Division” by exceeding all federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) achievement objectives in reading and mathematics for two consecutive years.

The board also recognized 92 schools as “Title I Distinguished Schools” for maintaining full state accreditation under the commonwealth’s Standards of Learning program for two consecutive years, meeting federal benchmarks in reading and mathematics and having average test scores in both subjects at the 60th percentile or higher.

“The foundation of each of these success stories is the conviction that all children — regardless of family income — can learn and achieve,” Board of Education President David M. Foster said.

“The success of these schools and divisions is particularly noteworthy given how the federal benchmarks increase every year,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said.

The recognized schools, grouped by division, are as follows:

- Albemarle County — Agnor-Hurt Elementary and Stony Point Elementary
- Alleghany County — Callaghan Elementary
- Amherst County — Temperance Elementary
- Botetourt County — Breckinridge Elementary and Buchanan Elementary
- Charlotte County — Eureka Elementary
- Chesterfield County — Beulah Elementary
- Dinwiddie County — Dinwiddie Elementary and Southside Elementary
- Fairfax County — Belvedere Elementary
- Franklin County — Callaway Elementary, Ferrum Elementary, Glade Hill Elementary, Henry Elementary, Lee M. Waid Elementary, Snow Creek Elementary and Sontag Elementary
- Gloucester County — Abingdon Elementary, Achilles Elementary, Bethel Elementary, Petsworth Elementary and Thomas C. Walker Elementary
- Grayson County — Fairview Elementary
- Hanover County — Beaverdam Elementary and Mechanicsville Elementary
- Henrico County — Arthur Ashe Jr. Elementary
- Henry County — Carver Elementary, Drewry Mason Elementary, Mount Olivet Elementary and Rich Acres Elementary
- Highland County — Highland Elementary
- Isle of Wight County — Carrsville Elementary
- Lee County — St. Charles Elementary and Stickleyville Elementary
- Montgomery County — Auburn Elementary

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- Patrick County — Blue Ridge Elementary, Meadows of Dan Elementary, Patrick Springs Elementary and Woolwine Elementary
- Pittsylvania County — Mount Airy Elementary
- Prince George County — L.L. Beazley Elementary and North Elementary
- Roanoke County — Clearbrook Elementary, Green Valley Elementary, Masons Cove Elementary and Oak Grove Elementary
- Rockingham County — Elkton Elementary, Peak View Elementary, Pleasant Valley Elementary, River Bend Elementary and South River Elementary
- Russell County — Belfast Elk Garden Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Honaker Elementary and Lebanon Elementary
- Scott County — Fort Blackmore Primary, Nickelsville Elementary, Rye Cove Intermediate, Shoemaker Elementary, Weber City Elementary and Yuma Elementary
- Tazewell County — Abb's Valley-Boissevain Elementary, Graham Intermediate and Springville Elementary
- Warren County — A.S. Rhodes Elementary
- Washington County — Abingdon Elementary and Greendale Elementary
- Wise County — Coeburn Primary, Powell Valley Primary and St. Paul Elementary
- Wythe County — Rural Retreat Elementary and Speedwell Elementary
- York County — Bethel Manor Elementary, Dare Elementary, Grafton Bethel Elementary, Tabb Elementary and Waller Mill Elementary
- Bristol — Stonewall Jackson Elementary
- Charlottesville — Burnley-Moran Elementary and Greenbrier Elementary
- Colonial Heights — Lakeview Elementary and Tussing Elementary
- Falls Church — Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Norfolk — Ocean View Elementary
- Virginia Beach — W.T. Cooke Elementary
- Williamsburg-James City County — Matthew Whaley Elementary and Rawls Byrd Elementary
- Lexington — Harrington Waddell Elementary
- Salem — East Salem Elementary and G.W. Carver Elementary
- West Point — West Point Elementary

Each school and division will receive a certificate celebrating its status and achievement.

Title I of ESEA provides funding to school divisions and schools for programs to raise the achievement of students identified as being at risk of academic failure. The federal education law, whose most recent reauthorization is also known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires schools and school divisions to meet annual objectives for increasing student achievement on statewide assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics. During 2010-2011, 294, or 40 percent, of Virginia's 729 Title I schools met all federal objectives.

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