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Virginia Educators Honored for Technology Leadership
Chesterfield County Technology Director Receives State Award

Adam Seldow, the executive director of technology for Chesterfield County Public Schools, was honored November 5 with the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) 2012 State Educational Technology Leadership Award and the Region 1 Educational Technology Leadership Award. The awards were presented during Virginia Tech's Educational Technology Leadership Conference in Roanoke.

"I salute all of these educators for their leadership and for their commitment to innovation," Governor Robert F. McDonnell said. "They share a vision of how technology in the hands of great teachers and inquisitive students can transform the classrooms of today and tomorrow."

"Adam Seldow understands that technology is most likely to enhance learning when the needs of teachers and students — and the challenges they can encounter when using technology — are fully understood and given priority," Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said. "Because of Adam's emphasis on ease of use, access and practical training, Chesterfield County teachers and principals are embracing blended learning as a strategy to raise achievement."

The awards recognize individuals who demonstrate leadership by assisting school divisions in education technology planning and implementation. Division superintendents in each of VDOE's eight administrative regions select individuals for regional awards. A panel of judges coordinated by VDOE's Office of Educational Technology then selects one of the regional honorees for recognition as the state award winner.

In addition to Sedlow, the 2012 regional winners are:
- Region 2 — David French, principal, Tallwood Elementary, Virginia Beach Public Schools
- Region 3 — David Smith, technology director, Westmoreland County Public Schools
- Region 4 — Douglas L. Culler, network systems supervisor, Shenandoah County Public Schools
- Region 5 — James Daly, instructional technology resource teacher (ITRT), Charlottesville Public Schools
- Region 6 — Jamey McKenna, ITRT coordinator, Roanoke Public Schools
- Region 7 — Judy Hartley, instructional technology resource teacher, Giles County Public Schools
- Region 8 — Sharon Long, teacher, Totaro Elementary, Brunswick County Public Schools

The Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee (VETAC), which advises the state Board of Education on educational technology, also presented its 2012 VETAC Leadership Award at the Roanoke conference. The award went to Adele Morris, technology director, Craig County Public Schools.

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