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Governor McAuliffe & Board of Education Announce 2016 Virginia Index of Performance Awards *Awards Recognize High-Achieving Schools & Divisions*

Governor Terry McAuliffe and the state Board of Education announced today that 278 schools and two school divisions earned 2016 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced learning and achievement. The VIP incentive program recognizes schools and divisions that exceed state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals established by the governor and the board.

The schools and school divisions earning 2016 VIP awards — which are based on student achievement and other performance indicators during 2014-2015 — include:

- Eight schools that earned the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence;
- Two divisions and 104 schools that earned the Board of Education Excellence Award; and
- 166 schools that earned the Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award.

2016 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence

Eight schools — Tuckahoe Elementary in Arlington County; Midlothian Middle in Chesterfield County; Kilmer Middle, Longfellow Middle and Rocky Run Middle in Fairfax County; Farmwell Station Middle and J. Michael Lunsford Middle in Loudoun County; and Crystal Spring Elementary in Roanoke — earned the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, the highest VIP award. This was Rocky Run Middle's seventh consecutive Governor's Award.

"These schools epitomize academic excellence and the innovation, teamwork and commitment to high standards that have made Virginia's public schools among the nation's best," Governor McAuliffe said.

To earn the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, schools and school divisions must meet all state and federal achievement benchmarks and achieve all applicable excellence goals for elementary reading, enrollment in Algebra I by the eighth grade, enrollment in college-level courses, high school graduation, attainment of advanced diplomas, increased attainment of career and industry certifications, and, if applicable, participation in the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

2016 Board of Education Excellence Awards

Falls Church Public Schools, West Point Public Schools and 104 schools earned the Board of Education Excellence Award, the second-tier honor in the VIP program. These divisions and schools also met all state and federal accountability benchmarks and made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by the board.

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The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards are as follows:

- Amherst County — Temperance Elementary
- Arlington County — Arlington Science Focus School, McKinley Elementary, Nottingham Elementary, Swanson Middle and Taylor Elementary
- Bath County — Millboro Elementary
- Charlottesville — Venable Elementary
- Chesapeake — Grassfield High, Hickory High and Southeastern Elementary
- Chesterfield County — Bettie Weaver Elementary, Cosby High, Grange Hall Elementary, Greenfield Elementary, Robious Elementary, W.W. Gordon Elementary, Winterpock Elementary and Woolridge Elementary
- Danville — Forest Hills Elementary
- Dinwiddie County — Midway Elementary
- Fairfax County — Carson Middle, Chantilly High, Chesterbrook Elementary, Churchill Road Elementary, Colvin Run Elementary, Floris Elementary, Frost Middle, Great Falls Elementary, Greenbriar West Elementary, Haycock Elementary, Langley High, Madison High, Mantua Elementary, Navy Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Oakton High, Sangster Elementary, Sherman Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology, Vienna Elementary, Waynewood Elementary, West Springfield High, Willow Springs Elementary, Wolftrap Elementary and Woodson High
- Falls Church — George Mason High
- Fauquier County — P.B. Smith Elementary
- Henrico County — Colonial Trail Elementary, Deep Run High, Echo Lake Elementary, Gayton Elementary, Holman Middle, Mills E. Godwin High, Nuckols Farm Elementary, Rivers Edge Elementary, Shady Grove Elementary, Short Pump Elementary, Short Pump Middle, Three Chopt Elementary, Tuckahoe Elementary and Twin Hickory Elementary
- Loudoun County — Belmont Ridge Middle, Belmont Station Elementary, Briar Woods High, Emerick Elementary, Legacy Elementary, Little River Elementary, Mill Run Elementary, Rosa Lee Carter Elementary, Stone Bridge High and Sycolin Creek Elementary
- Montgomery County — Gilbert Linkous Elementary, Harding Avenue Elementary and Kipps Elementary
- Newport News — Deer Park Elementary
- Poquoson — Poquoson Elementary, Poquoson High and Poquoson Primary
- Prince William County — Ashland Elementary, Mary G. Porter Traditional, Pennington School and T. Clay Wood Elementary
- Roanoke County — Cave Spring Elementary, Cave Spring High and Green Valley Elementary
- Russell County — Lebanon Elementary and Lebanon Primary
- Scott County — Fort Blackmore Primary and Yuma Elementary
- Stafford County — Colonial Forge High
- Virginia Beach — Kemps Landing/Old Donation School, Kingston Elementary, Strawbridge Elementary and Thoroughgood Elementary
- Washington County — Greendale Elementary and Watauga Elementary
- West Point — West Point Elementary and West Point High
- Williamsburg-James City County — Matoaka Elementary
- Wise County — Central High
- York County — Mount Vernon Elementary and Waller Mill Elementary

“I encourage the teachers, administrators and students in these award-winning schools to find time before the end of the year to celebrate their success,” Board of Education President Billy K. Cannaday Jr. said.

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2016 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Awards

The Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award was earned by 166 schools that met all state and federal benchmarks and made progress toward the goals of the governor and the board.

“In many cases, the Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes the successes of teachers, principals and other educators who are on the front line of the commonwealth’s effort to narrow and ultimately close achievement gaps,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples.

The schools receiving Distinguished Achievement awards are as follows:

- Albemarle County — Hollymead Elementary, Meriwether Lewis Elementary, Scottsville Elementary and Virginia L. Murray Elementary
- Alexandria — Charles Barrett Elementary and Lyles-Crouch Elementary
- Amherst County — Amherst Elementary and Elon Elementary
- Arlington County — Arlington Traditional, Ashlawn Elementary, Long Branch Elementary and Yorktown High
- Augusta County — Riverheads High
- Bedford County — Forest Elementary and Goodview Elementary
- Botetourt County — Breckinridge Elementary, Buchanan Elementary and James River High
- Carroll County — Oakland Elementary
- Charles City County — Charles City County High
- Charlottesville — Greenbrier Elementary
- Chesapeake — Cedar Road Elementary, Grassfield Elementary, Great Bridge High, Great Bridge Intermediate, Great Bridge Middle, Great Bridge Primary and Hickory Middle
- Chesterfield County — Midlothian High and Swift Creek Elementary
- Danville — Galileo Magnet High
- Fairfax County — Canterbury Woods Elementary, Cooper Middle, Fairhill Elementary, Flint Hill Elementary, Forestville Elementary, Franklin Middle, Hunt Valley Elementary, Irving Middle, Keene Mill Elementary, Kent Gardens Elementary, Kings Glen Elementary, Lees Corner Elementary, Lemon Road Elementary, Mosby Woods Elementary, Powell Elementary, Robinson Secondary, South County High, Springfield Estates Elementary, Thoreau Middle, Wakefield Forest Elementary, Waples Mill Elementary, West Springfield Elementary and White Oaks Elementary
- Falls Church — Mary Ellen Henderson Middle
- Fauquier County — Kettle Run High
- Franklin County — Boones Mill Elementary, Burnt Chimney Elementary and Callaway Elementary
- Gloucester County — Achilles Elementary, Bethel Elementary and Botetourt Elementary
- Goochland County — Byrd Elementary
- Hanover County — Chickahominy Middle, Cool Spring Elementary, Laurel Meadow Elementary, Pearson's Corner Elementary and South Anna Elementary
- Henrico County — David A. Kaechele Elementary, Glen Allen High and Maude Trevvett Elementary
- Henry County — Rich Acres Elementary
- Isle of Wight County — Carrollton Elementary
- Lexington — Harrington Waddell Elementary
- Loudoun County — Aldie Elementary, Arcola Elementary, Broad Run High, Buffalo Trail Elementary, Eagle Ridge Middle, Hamilton Elementary, John Champe High School, Loudoun Valley High, Lowes Island Elementary, Lucketts Elementary, Meadowland Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Pinebrook Elementary, Round Hill Elementary, Sanders Corner Elementary, Stone Hill Middle, Waterford Elementary and Woodgrove High

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- Manassas — George Carr Round Elementary
- Montgomery County — Belview Elementary
- Newport News — Hilton Elementary
- Norfolk — Larchmont Elementary and Sewells Point Elementary
- Pittsylvania County — Chatham Elementary, Tunstall High and Union Hall Elementary
- Prince George County — L.L. Beazley Elementary
- Prince William County — A. Henderson Elementary, J.W. Alvey Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Osbourn Park High, Piney Branch Elementary, Samuel L. Gravely Jr. Elementary, Thurgood Marshall Elementary and Victory Elementary
- Pulaski County — Snowville Elementary
- Richmond — George W. Carver Elementary, Mary Munford Elementary and Richmond Community High
- Roanoke — Fishburn Park Elementary, Grandin Court Elementary and Highland Park Elementary
- Roanoke County — Back Creek Elementary, Bonsack Elementary, Cave Spring Middle, Clearbrook Elementary, Fort Lewis Elementary, Hidden Valley Middle and Penn Forest Elementary
- Rockingham County — East Rockingham High, Peak View Elementary, South River Elementary and Spotswood High
- Salem — Salem High, South Salem Elementary and West Salem Elementary
- Scott County — Weber City Elementary
- Shenandoah County — Central High
- Smyth County — Marion Elementary and Rich Valley Elementary
- Southampton County — Nottoway Elementary
- Spotsylvania County — Chancellor Elementary
- Stafford County — Mountain View High
- Tazewell County — Abb's Valley-Boissevain Elementary, Dudley Primary, Graham Intermediate and Tazewell Elementary
- Virginia Beach — Glenwood Elementary, Great Neck Middle, John B. Dey Elementary, North Landing Elementary, Ocean Lakes High, Pembroke Elementary, Princess Anne Elementary, Princess Anne Middle, Red Mill Elementary and Three Oaks Elementary
- Warren County — A.S. Rhodes Elementary
- Washington County — Abingdon Elementary and High Point Elementary
- West Point — West Point Middle
- Williamsburg-James City County — Stonehouse Elementary
- Wise County — Powell Valley Primary
- Wythe County — Rural Retreat High
- York County — Bethel Manor Elementary, Coventry Elementary, Grafton High, Magruder Elementary, Seaford Elementary, Tabb Elementary, Tabb High and York High

More information about the VIP incentive program for schools and school divisions is available on the VDOE website:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/va_index_performance_awards/index.shtml

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