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Albemarle County School Board Member Stephen Koleszar Receives VSBA Advocate for Education Award

November 18, 2016 – Albemarle County School Board member Stephen Koleszar was presented with the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Advocate for Education Award at the closing session of the VSBA Annual Convention earlier today. This award recognizes school board members who have demonstrated significant and outstanding leadership, commitment, and contribution to public education that has had an impact on their region and the Commonwealth, and who have shown active involvement in local, state, and federal advocacy on behalf of their division, VSBA, and public education. This is the second year the award has been presented.

Dr. Kate Acuff, chairman of the Albemarle County School Board, said, “Steve is a terrific and dedicated School Board member and advocate for public education. Last year he was elected to his fifth four-year term and has a wealth of knowledge about public school policy generally and is the go-to person for historical perspective about Albemarle County Public Schools.”

Koleszar has served on the Albemarle County School Board since January 1996. In addition to public service at the local level, Mr. Koleszar has advocated on behalf of students, teachers, and families at the state and federal levels. He frequently attends VSBA meetings and conferences, as well as National School Boards Association conference. He has lobbied on behalf of students at the Virginia General Assembly and at the United States Congress. Mr. Koleszar also serves on the Board of Directors of the Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center.

“Mr. Koleszar’s efforts have had real and lasting impacts. Routinely Mr. Koleszar uses the phrase “All means all,” when describing how resources will be utilized, or the instructional approach he would like to see the division take. Steve’s contributions reflect the message delivered by the tie he wears to all education events: “Kids First.” said Acuff.

About the Virginia School Boards Association

The Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promotes excellence in public education through advocacy, training, and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth’s educational leaders.

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