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## News Release

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### **Westmoreland County School Governance Team Becomes the First Ever VSBA Master Board**

**Charlottesville, VA** – The Westmoreland County School Board and Superintendent are the first school governance team in Virginia to earn the designation of a VSBA Master Board. The Team attended three sessions totaling over fourteen hours of professional development beginning in May and ending on July 10. The discussions, facilitated by staff of the Virginia School Boards Association, focused on team building, improving communication, listening, and board building behaviors.

“I would like to thank the entire board and Superintendent for their willingness to become a Master Board” said School Board Chair Ralph Fallin, “This program solidifies the commitment that our board has for the education of our students in Westmoreland County.”

“To become a Master Board takes time, energy, and a deep understanding of good board governance” said VSBA Executive Director Gina Patterson, “I would like to congratulate the Westmoreland County Governance Team for this great accomplishment.”

The Virginia School Boards Association offers individualized professional development activities and training to school boards across Virginia. These sessions are personalized based on the need of the school board governance team. The VSBA Master Board Training program guides a school board and superintendent through numerous activities and modules that include personality assessments, team building exercises and prompts discussions focused on building a team and the many facets of communication.

### **About the Virginia School Boards Association**

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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