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## Franklin City School Governance Team Becomes a VSBA Master Board

**Charlottesville, VA** – The Franklin City School Board and Superintendent are the fourth school governance team in Virginia to earn the designation of a VSBA Master Board. The Team attended four sessions totaling over twenty four hours of professional development beginning in April and concluding on June 25. The discussions, facilitated by staff of the Virginia School Boards Association, focused on team building, improving communication, listening, and board building behaviors.

"Franklin City School Board is honored to have been selected as a VSBA Master School Board. The dedication by all seven Board members and the Superintendent to the training associated with achieving this designation only reaffirms our commitment to the growth and success of this amazing school division, said School Board Chair Amy Phillips. "Personally, I want to thank every member of this governance team for working with me not only towards this distinction, but for their tireless efforts each and every day for the community we all love."

"To become a Master Board takes a commitment of time and energy, and a willingness to learn about good board governance practices," said VSBA Executive Director Gina Patterson. "As only the fourth board in the state to achieve this honor I would like to congratulate the Franklin City 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.