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## Powhatan County Board Member Receive VSBA Quarter Century Awards

Recognized for 25 consecutive years of school board service



**Ayers** 

**November 17, 2021** – This afternoon, at an awards luncheon during the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Annual Convention, Valarie Ayers (Powhatan County School Board) was presented with the *VSBA Quarter Century Award* in recognition of 25 years of consecutive service on her local school board. Valarie represents district 3 in Powhatan County.

"It is an honor to present Mrs. Ayers with the VSBA Quarter Century Award," said Janet Turner-Giles, President of the VSBA, "Her dedication to the youth in her community and the Commonwealth of Virginia is admirable."

When asked about receiving the VSBA Quarter Century Award Ayers said "It is such an honor to have served on the Powhatan County School Board for 25 years. There have been challenges along the way but keeping in mind that it is about our students and that every child matters, has made it a wonderful, fulfilling life experience. My greatest joy still is walking into a school and seeing children learning and chasing their dreams. So much of what I have learned about educating our children and serving has been through the VSBA and they have given me the confidence to serve well. Thank you for recognizing my years of service with the Quarter Century Pin."

## **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 leadership, advocacy 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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