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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - THANK YOU!!

Greetings to each and every one of you. I hope this message finds you all well and in good health as we look forward to spring. I know that the last few weeks have been wet and unless we are all related to ducks, we may feel that enough rain is enough! I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who advocated and lobbied during the General Assembly. Because of your hard work and dedication we have found some success. One item to mention that we are excited about was the school calendar bill that passed both the House and Senate. Although it is not a full repeal of the "King's Dominion Law," it represents a step forward for those school divisions that currently have no waivers. Please read about this bill and others through the VSBA Legislative Blog and also listen to Stacy Haney, VSBA Chief Lobbyist, as she presents a short update with a video. Thank you again for your advocacy and leadership this year.

The Southwest Hot Topic Conference was held in Wytheville on March 13, 2019. The Conference focused on school safety and the challenges that School Boards face each year. The topics included information on rural issues that were very important to every division regardless of the size. There were a lot of great presenters with a lot of useful information. The meeting was well attended. I would like to give a special thank you to each and every one of you that were able to attend.



As spring approaches it means it is time for our Annual Regional Spring Network Forums. I look forward to seeing each of you at as many Forums as possible, where you will be able to showcase your region, schools and students, and to be proud of the accomplishments that you all have made since the year began. Please remember to include your Legislators as invitees at these Forums, as it is a great time to get them involved and to see your schools and what you are accomplishing, as well as to thank them for all their hard work in support of public education.



March will conclude with the NSBA Annual Conference on March 29th-April 1st 2019. I am looking forward to representing you as your VSBA President and also serving as one of your delegates at the Delegate Assembly. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you throughout the conference as possible but especially at our VSBA Welcome Reception on Friday, March 29th that is generously sponsored by BPA and VMDO.

Once again I want to say thank you for allowing me to represent you as your VSBA President this year. I also want to say thank you for accepting the challenge to continue to "Be The Difference" for your children, teachers and administrators in your division and for public education.





Gina G. Patterson VSBA Executive Director

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums are off to a great start. It is always a good time for the board members in each region to get together for the evening of fellowship and discussion.

On March 6th, the Central Region started out this year's Forums at Louisa County High School. The guest presenter was Mike Grant, Master Police Officer from Culpeper County whose presentation was entitled, "Hidden In Plain Sight" - a program designed to simulate a teen's bedroom and assist in identifying clues that might indicate drug or alcohol use. To say this hands-on presentation was eye-opening, would be an understatement. Officer Grant showed attendees how small, everyday items in your home could be signs of drug activity with students.





The Southside Regional Spring Network Forum on March 7th was held at the new Powhatan Middle School. The presenter for the evening was Dinwiddie County Superintendent Dr. Kari Weston who spoke on why every story matters, and ended with a showing of a local student from Chesterfield County Public Schools, 18-year-old Shayla Winn, who lost her sight suddenly last year and performed for American Idol judges. There was not a dry eye in the room, including the judges from American Idol.

The Southern Regional Spring Network Forum on March 18th was held in Bedford County at the new Liberty Middle School. The event started with a tour of the new school, followed by three mini breakout sessions given by members of the staff from the division's middle schools. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Crystal Edwards, Superintendent in Lynchburg City Public Schools who presented a powerful presentation on "Equity Habits" in Education from 1619-2019.



As you can see, this year's Forums are off to a good start. The student art show, a tradition at the regional Forums, allows each division to enter three pieces of student art. The artwork is judged at the Forum and first place winners are announced for the elementary, middle, and high school. The first-place winning pieces from all 9 regions are framed and rotated for display in the Department of Education and the VSBA offices for one year, before returning back to the student. The artwork is also on display in November at the Annual Convention in Williamsburg. To view the winning art work, visit the VSBA website here. New this year, a gift card to all first-place winners will be provided by an anonymous donor.

There are six Forums left to go, and we look forward to seeing what the Regional Chairs/Vice Chairs, and hosting divisions in the region have in store.

Just as a reminder, the VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums are not put on by the VSBA staff, but instead by the regional Chairs and Vice Chairs of the nine regions. As always, VSBA is there to provide guidance and support as the Chairs/Vice Chairs prepare their program but this meeting is handled logistically by the regional officers. If there is a topic, subject, or idea you think would be of value to your regional officers for this annual meeting, please feel free to reach out to the Chair in your region and make him or her aware. The regional officers are always looking for ideas for their Spring program.

To view the contact information for your Regional Chair/Vice Chair, please <u>click here</u>. For information on what region your school division is in, please <u>click here</u>.

I look forward to seeing all at the remainder of the meetings. **GP**

2019 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule

These meetings bring together board members, superintendents, and guests for dinner, networking, keynote speakers, legislative updates, and outstanding student entertainment. The Spring Network Forum also features the presentation of the Regional Art Contest Winners. We encourage all to attend their regional meetings. This is a great opportunity to network with other board members in your region and share best practices.

TIDEWATER—April 8, 2019 (Host Division: Suffolk City)

NORTHEASTERN—April 10, 2019 (Host Division: Manassas City)

EASTERN—April 11, 2019 (Host Division: Caroline County)

VALLEY—April 24, 2019 (Host Division: Bath County)

SOUTHWEST—April 25, 2019 (Host Division: Bristol City)

BLUE RIDGE—May 1, 2019 (Host Division: Botetourt County)

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILED BROCHURES ON EACH FORUM!



VSBA Profile in Leadership Meet Karen Whetzel, VSBA Valley Region Chair

Where is your hometown?

Mathias, WV

How long have you been a school board member?

9 years

What/who inspires you?

Our students

What is your motto as a board member?

Work hard, be visible and involved

What is your pie-in-the-sky vision for education?

Adequate funding for all

What is your advice for new school board members?

Attend as many events (VSBA, division, individual school) as possible

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment as a board member?

Hiring 2 superintendents (with the whole board)

Was there a teacher or administrator that had a lasting effect on your life?

First grade teacher who sent a postcard to each incoming student with a flamingo welcoming us to first grade; she inspired me to love school

What do you feel is the best benefit of being a member of VSBA?

Networking, discounts, professional development

How do you define advocacy?

Standing up for what I believe in

What made you want to get involved in advocacy?

Better education for our students

Why is advocacy important to you and your role as a school board member?

If not board members, who will do it?

Advocacy can be intimidating to some people. What advice do you have for them on ways to gradually become more engaged in advocacy?

Think about who you are doing it for - the students

What is the most challenging aspect of advocacy and how do you work to overcome it?

Talking to someone who doesn't agree with you and trying to convince them that you are right

FOLLOW VSBA ON SOCIAL MEDIA









Karen Whetzel Shenandoah County School Board VSBA Board of Directors Valley Region Chair



Division Spotlight: Fairfax County Public Schools

In each newsletter VSBA will spotlight a recent initiative or best practice taking place in a school division in Virginia. If you have a story you would like to submit for inclusion in the spotlight section of the VSBA Newsletter, please contact Samantha Bosserman, director of communications and board development, for more information. We look forward to hearing about the great things going on in your divisions.

Achieving CALM at Groveton Elementary School

Submitted by Fairfax County Public Schools

Sueann Tupy's classroom at Groveton Elementary School is a peaceful, safe place, complete with a singing bowl, battery powered candles, white noise, and comfortable places to unwind. Tupy, a 23-year veteran teacher, is in her first year running the CALM (Classrooms and Community Achieving Lifelong Mindfulness) program at Groveton, combining 20 years of practicing yoga and mindfulness with her experience as a classroom teacher. Established to provide students and teachers an opportunity to unwind and re-center themselves during busy school days, the program offers guided exercises in focus, relaxation, breathing, and meditation. Some teachers attend with their students; Groveton also has a school wide Wednesday Wellness program where Tupy teaches yoga to the staff before and after school.



The CALM program is part of a whole school, well-being promotion effort at Groveton that is already gaining national attention, and was presented as an example of best practices at the American Public Health Association conference last



November. The whole school intervention also includes a series of teacher and staff professional developments provided by Suzie Carmack, Ph.D., an adjunct faculty member at George Mason University and founder of the Center for Well-Being Education. While Tupy provides mindful movement classes, Carmack provides professional development trainings (in-person and online) that teach teachers and staff members how to lead Genius Breaks—Carmack's method for taking minibreaks of mindful movement throughout the school or workday.

The whole school well-being effort also includes an annual community wellness night, designed to teach Groveton families how to manage stress at home with a combination of good nutrition, physical activity, and mindfulness.

Together these efforts seek to ensure that everyone in the Groveton community can support each other in the promotion of a well-being culture. "Recent research shows that stress in the classroom and workplace is not only bad for each of us – it's actually contagious," says Carmack. "We're creating a school well-being culture in which everybody wins: students become more fully present and engaged as learners because they're not distracted or feeling overwhelmed; teachers and staff have the tools they need to buffer themselves against the long term effects of compassion fatigue and burnout; and parents are more well-equipped to handle the tough challenges of parenting in a non-stop, 24-7 world."

Although the program is still relatively new, it is already making an impact on students. A kindergarten teacher shared this experience: "During a school lockdown drill, several of my kindergarten students sat in calm pose while we waited for the drill to end. One of my students also did the criss cross yoga sauce movement quietly. He is a limited English speaker and new to school, so I was happy to see he could use these skills during a situation that is strange for five and six year olds."

The whole school well-being program was funded through the school's budget, and a Donors Choose grant paid for some of the equipment. "We felt that the mental and emotional health of our students was a priority, so we found ways to prioritize the money to make it happen," said Groveton principal Jim Swoger.

Each class receives a minimum of 30 minutes of CALM each week in grades PreK-6, and all staff members are welcome to participate in the program. As she provides messages of calmness, kindness, and mindfulness to the students, Tupy intersperses simple yogainspired poses such as mountain and tree while reminding them that their actions affect others. She also encourages the students to hone their listening skills so they can be aware of how others are feeling and reacting to them.

"I want them to experience quiet," she explains. "Many of them are not used to that. Being without TVs and technology is hard for some of them."

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Tupy teaches students to do straw breathing (breathing through a straw) to use breath to help them relax. When stretched out on yoga mats or with their legs on the wall, they balance a small rubber duck on their stomachs to help them focus on their breathing, a popular exercise.

Groveton teachers are enthusiastic about the CALM program. One teacher says, "On the days when I do CALM, I feel that I am more able to be patient and less reactive to stress. Every day I do allow students a few minutes of quiet time after specials and recess, allowing students to lay down on the carpet. I noticed a positive difference in engagement during lessons and activities after quiet time."

Another Groveton teacher adds, "The implementation of CALM this year has made me more cognizant of supporting my students' needs for movement and emotional support. I have noticed my students assuming 'yogi' pose while waiting for others to get settled. It is helping to make them more aware of their minds and bodies and how they are connected."



THE VALUE OF MENTORING

Quality mentoring relationships can have a direct impact on your effectiveness as a school board member, both as a mentee who is learning the many aspects of school board service and as a mentor who is reflecting on their experience and looking for ways to continue their learning and growth.

To participate as a mentor or mentee, contact Tina Loccisano, coordinator of board development, at tina@vsba.org or 434-295-8722.

Application Process for Nomination and Election of VSBA At-Large Members and Regional Officers

Nomination of VSBA At-Large Members

According to the VSBA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, "A Nominating Committee of five members will annually nominate no more than two candidates for President-Elect and no more than two candidates for each of the two at-large seats on the Board of Directors whose names will be placed in nomination at the Annual Convention. It shall be the duty of candidates for the at-large position to provide a written nomination, approved by a nominee's school board, together with pertinent biographical information and a signed letter from each nominee confirming willingness to serve. Members of the Nominating Committee will not be eligible for nomination to any position on the Board. The Immediate Past President will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee and four other committee members will be elected by the Board of Directors."

An <u>application form</u> is required of At-Large candidates to apply for nomination. Those who wish to be considered by the Nominating Committee must submit the completed form, pertinent biographical information and statement of willingness to serve by July 1. The members of the Nominating Committee appointed at the March 15, 2019 VSBA Board of Directors meeting are: Scott Albrecht (Manassas), Chair; James Meyer (Spotsylvania), Paul Grinstead (Smyth), Beth Hardy (Goochland), and Raymond Whitaker (Essex).

If you have any questions about the process, please call Gina Patterson, executive director, at 1-800-446-8722 or email Gina@vsba.org.

Nomination of Regional Officers

Elections of VSBA Regional Officers take place at the Fall Regional Meeting held in conjunction with the VSBA Annual Convention. In 2015 the VSBA Delegate Assembly voted to change the regional positions from a one year to a two-year term. For those regions who will be holding an election this year, a nominating committee will be formed and announced at your Spring Regional Networking Forum. Those interested in serving as chair or vice chair of the region should contact the members of the regional nominating committee once those are announced. The regions below will be looking for nominations for a chair and vice chair for a two-year term:

- Central Region
- Northeastern Region
- Southern Region
- Southwest Region
- Tidewater Region

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VSBA Welcomes New Government Relations Specialist

J.T. Kessler joined VSBA as the government relations specialist on March 4, 2019. As government relations specialist, Kessler will be responsible for the VSBA's grassroots advocacy efforts and assist with lobbying at the General Assembly.

Kessler has served as the manager of political engagement for the North Carolina Nurses Association and has extensive lobbying, community engagement and outreach experience. Kessler has also served as a public school teacher, department chair, and instructor in Johnston County Schools and Wilson County Schools in North Carolina. Kessler holds a Master of Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Bowling Green State University.

2019 VSBA Business Honor Roll

Local businesses have the power to shape community attitudes about public schools, and the VSBA Business Honor Roll is a way for local school divisions to recognize local businesses for their support, especially as schools face increasing budget uncertainty. The Business Honor Roll helps divisions say "thank you" for their vital contributions.

Businesses large and small, corporate-owned or family-run, play a key role in supporting our communities and local schools. They contribute to our school divisions in many ways, including helping schools with in-kind or financial contributions, donating to scholarship programs, supporting extracurricular activities, offering internship opportunities, volunteering in the schools, and sponsoring field trips. This type of support is invaluable.



If you are working with a local business that deserves recognition, your division can add up to three names to the VSBA Business Honor Roll by passing a resolution and submitting the online nomination form to VSBA by **April 8, 2019**. Please click here for complete information, including submission guidelines and the online nomination form.

Later this year, VSBA will publish the Business Honor Roll in the association newsletter and issue a news release about those honored through this program. We also will mail personalized recognition certificates and letters of congratulations for each business to division superintendents in time for boards to present to them at May school board meetings.



"If another school board chair/member were to inquire or ask my opinion about contracting with VSBA to facilitate the hiring process, I would be emphatic in describing the extraordinary experience that I had in working with VSBA. Without reservation, I would tell them to look no further when conducting a superintendent search. Our school board hired our new superintendent earlier this year from a pool of highly-qualified candidates. I am convinced from this experience that VSBA has developed a five-star process for working with school boards, identifying community needs, providing boards with tools and strategies, and assuring the end result (based on the candidate pool) is hiring a superintendent that is a good fit for the school board, community, and school system."

Iris Lane
Westmoreland County School Board

VSBA superintendent searches have been responsible for the placement of 65 of the current 133 Virginia school division superintendents.

Ask the Legal Expert

- Q. How much notice must be given for a special meeting?
- A. Unlike the notice requirement for regular board meetings, Virginia law requires only that notice which is "reasonable under the circumstances" be given before a special meeting.

See previous "Ask the Legal Experts" online at http://www.vsba.org/services/legal-services/legal-services/ask-the-experts/

Carve Our Your Pharmacy Benefits to Save

By Benefit Plan Administrators

The Problem: Rising Prices of Prescription Benefits

Pharmacy represents 25% - 30% of the total cost of a health plan.

Millions of Americans are diagnosed each year with conditions that require daily medication such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. Due to this high demand, drug makers raise prices to gain more and more profit – leaving employers and members footing the bill.

Prescription drugs represent a significant portion of healthcare spending for organizations. Specialty Pharmacy, or drugs that are classified as high-cost or high complexity, is one of the single highest cost drivers for benefit plans, usually ranging from 25% to 30% of the total cost.

Don't let pharmacy trend control your school's spend any longer. With BPA's Carve Out Pharmacy Benefits Program, you gain a partner who will work every day to keep your pharmacy spend down and deliver enhanced prescription benefit savings with cost-effective solutions for your employees.

The Solution: Carve Out Your Pharmacy Benefits with BPA's ABCs

As a TPA, BPA takes an unbundled approach to health care risk management. BPA bolts on best-in-class pharmacy benefit managers, provider networks, care management programs, and robust analytics that enable schools to manage and control health care spending. In order to combat the increasing cost of the pharmacy spend, BPA completed a market check. RFP's were sent to 8 different prescription benefit management firms and BPA and VSBA selected Express Scripts, one of the largest PBM's in the market. With the critical mass of all schools banding together, Express Scripts is treating the VSBA Pharmacy Carve Out Program as one very large employer to deliver significant pharmacy savings with BPA's ABCs.

The decision was based on many factors including pricing, transparency, and clinical support for health plan members. Furthermore, there are significant rebates incorporated into our contract with 100% of the rebates going back to the schools.

Through BPA's ABCs: Advanced Utilization Management, Better Pharmacy Options, and Control Over Specialty Drug Spend, managing your prescription benefits and saving has never been easier.

Through Advanced Utilization Management, employees are guided towards a safer, more cost-effective drug choice using clinically based criteria designed to ensure that each choice reflects the right patient, right drug and right amount. Advanced Utilization Management programs include prior authorization of medications, step therapy to encourage front-line medication use, and drug quantity management to promote appropriate usage.

BPA provides **B**etter Pharmacy Options through Smart90. With Smart90, employees gain a more convenient option for filling prescriptions. Employees will be able to fill a 90-day supply of maintenance medications at a preferred pharmacy and pay less while doing so.

Lastly, gain <u>C</u>ontrol Over Specialty Drug Spend with SafeGuardRx and Accredo. A suite of industry-first solutions, SafeGuardRx is designed to protect your school's interest by combatting rising drug costs and help ensure that important treatments and specialized care are available to employees who need it. Accredo provides specialty focused care and monitoring that can help maximize effectiveness of medication to improve quality of life for school employees on specialty medications who will benefit from enhanced care.

Managing pharmacy benefits doesn't have to be complex – just remember the ABCs. Partner with BPA today and take control of your school's prescription benefit spend.

To learn more about how BPA's Pharmacy Carve Out Program can help your school, talk to the self-funding experts at BPA.

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Don't Rely on Luck to Stay Healthy!

March might be the lucky month, conjuring images of four-leaf clovers and all things green. But don't take a gamble on keeping your employees healthy! Encourage them to take their health risk assessment today through BPA BestLife and share the results with their doctor for better health in 2019.

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VSBA Affiliate Member Profiles

In each issue of the VSBA newsletter, we will feature three VSBA Affiliate Members.

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Visit http://www.vsba.org/resources/affiliates/affiliate_member_program/ for a complete list of VSBA's Affiliate Members.

VSBA Board of Directors Meeting Update

The VSBA Board of Directors met on Friday, March 15, 2019 and took the following actions:

- Election of the 2019 Nominating Committee
- 2. Approval of the Recommendations of the Task Force on Workforce Readiness
- 3. Approval of the Recommendations of the Task Force on Students and Schools in Challenging Environments
- 4. Approval of the Name Change to Task Force on Students and Schools in Challenging Environments

The Board also heard the following reports:

- 1. Update on the General Assembly
- 2. Update on Student Discipline Bills Task Force
- 3. Update on Partnership with Jason Learning
- 4. Update on Partnership with BoardDocs
- 5. Update on Marketing Agreement between BPA and VSBA
- 6. Update on VSBA Marketing Agreement with Express Scripts
- Update on Marketing Agreement between VACORP and VSBA

Current VSBA Superintendent Searches

Lancaster County Public Schools New Kent County Public Schools

For additional information on the VSBA Superintendent Search Services, please visit: http://www.vsba.org/services/superintendent_search_assistance/

VSBA Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award

The VSBA would like to invite you to apply for the second annual Excellence in Workforce Readiness award. This award seeks to recognize Virginia School Divisions which have achieved excellence in Workforce Readiness through an innovative program within your school community.

To access the application form and additional information visit: http://www.vsba.org/resources/ excellence_in_workforce_readiness_award/

Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

April 9, 2019

FREE WEBINAR: VSBA Equity Series: Our Homegrown
Culturally Responsive Teaching Model, an Evidence Based
Approach

LOCATION: Online

DETAIL: Participants in this webinar will explore the journey of Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) educators who have participated in a year of training, self-reflection on cultural biases, and application of Culturally Responsive Teaching leading to the production of evidence showing that achievement gaps in their classrooms or school were tackled. Educators in ACPS are led through this process by peers who have demonstrated expertise as Culturally Responsive Educators, those who have proven to eliminate gaps through their application of the ACPS Three Characteristics of Culturally Responsive Teaching.

April 10, 2019

Superintendent Evaluation Workshop

LOCATION: VSBA Offices, Charlottesville

DETAIL: What are the requirements? What is the difference between standards and indicators, and how will they be measured? Who establishes the cut scores for performance ratings? This workshop is designed to provide small group support to superintendents and board members responsible for updating their evaluation model. Participants will have the opportunity to review the guidelines in detail and then use them as they draft their own models.

April 22, 2019

VSBA Hot Topic Conference

LOCATION: Holiday Inn University Area, Charlottesville
DETAIL: Attendees will hear from topic professionals about the
importance of school safety. Whether it's online, in the classroom,
or in the community, safety is one of the leading topics of today's
conversations. We will hear first-hand experiences of handling a
crisis in the community to counseling in schools, as well as
designing buildings to promote safe and healthy learning.
Attendees will learn about practical integration of technology and
hear a discussion on school network security. Lastly, attendees will
hear from an insurance professional about security risk
management for school safety and insurance. We hope you will be
able to join us for this exciting conference!

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May 9, 2019

FREE WEBINAR: VSBA Equity Series: Examining the Equity of Outcomes in Virginia Schools- How Are Our Black and Latino Students Doing?

LOCATION: Online

DETAIL: How are Virginia's Black and Latino students faring? What are the issues specific to Black and Latino communities that school board members should know about? Let's take a look at the data and the opportunities we have as leaders in our school divisions.

May 15, 2019

Webinar: Building a High-Impact Board/Superintendent Partnership

LOCATION: Online

DETAIL: Join this webinar to hear real life examples and exercises that illustrate key aspects of the board-superintendent partnership. You will be provided detailed, practical, thoroughly tested guidance on building and maintaining a close, productive, and enduring board-superintendent partnership. As well as up-to-date information on significant developments in the rapidly changing field of K-12 governance.

June 7, 2019

VSBA School Law Conference

LOCATION: Short Pump Hilton

DETAIL: Your school division needs you, your superintendent, and your attorney to be at the 2019 VSBA School Law Conference. Why? Because many of the decisions you make have legal implications that will impact your school division for years to come. Hear school law updates from the national and local perspective as well as learn about the legal authority and your role as a school board. Attend this conference to be informed and be prepared!

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School Board Candidates Webinar

Do you have a candidate running for school board in your city or county? VSBA has put together a free webinar that is available on-demand for school board candidates.

To access the webinar, visit: http://www.vsba.org/meetings conferences/webinars on demand/

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