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November 18-20 Annual Convention

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New School Year!

By now all school divisions have started the new school year. I trust that everything went smoothly. It is a time that is anxious and exciting for both teachers and students. Years do not change these feelings. I will be visiting my old high school, George Wythe High School in Richmond, VA, later this month and I am a little anxious, but extremely excited. Who knew that a 1984 graduate of George Wythe would come back 31 years later as president of VSBA? I am looking forward to talking with the students, teachers, and administrators. I know that many things have changed in 31 years, but I would venture to guess that many things are still the same.

The summer was very busy for me and I continue to learn and meet new people at every turn as president of VSBA. In August, I attended an informative NSBA leadership conference in Chicago. I met dedicated school board members from across the United States, and we heard from passionate and erudite speakers. These conferences inspire and reinvigorate state leaders.

There are some upcoming learning and sharing opportunities for you as well.

In an effort to promote awareness of school bullying, the VSBA Board of Directors has designated the month of October as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month. Childhood bullying is a significant problem nationwide. It can cause school absenteeism, mental and physical stress, poor school performance, poor self-esteem, and in some cases, school violence. Statistics show that 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied. School board members, superintendents, teachers, and parents play a critical role in creating a climate where bullying is not tolerated. It has been proven when adults and children stand together, bullying ends.

My fellow board members, we can help to put an end to bullying in our divisions by demanding that our divisions have an anti-bullying plan that is implemented, and by supporting and promoting VSBA Bullying Prevention Month. The VSBA has several resources available at the following link, and I would recommend seeing page 3 for an article on how one school division in Virginia is using technology to help prevent bullying.

VSBA Bullying Prevention Month Resources

Additionally, on October 2 the VSBA is holding a Hot Topic Conference on Virtual/Blended Learning in Chesterfield County in the state-of-the-art Chesterfield Career and Technical Center. This site offers Chesterfield County students career and technical training in a wide range of offerings. A tour of the facility will be available at the end of the conference.

The conference will answer questions such as:

- How can we integrate new technology into our schools?
- What are other divisions doing and how have they implemented their technology initiatives?
- What is the latest on virtual/blended learning?

Thank you again for your service, and have a great school year.

2015 PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitude Toward the Public Schools

SUMMARY DOCUMENT

FULL REPORT









Gina G. Patterson VSBA Executive Director

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I hope you all started off the new school year without a hitch. Here at the VSBA offices, we are in full annual convention planning mode. With the general session speakers finalized, it is now time to schedule the breakout sessions and complete the VSBA SCHED app. The exhibit hall is quickly filling up with terrific businesses and organizations that support school division efforts. This is promising to be another great annual convention! I encourage you to book your hotel room soon, if you haven't already done so. Watch for additional convention information in next month's newsletter.

On a completely different note, school board elections will take place in November and board training will be on your mind soon after. It's not too early to think about scheduling a winter and/or spring board governance training with VSBA. Whether you are interested in a board retreat, goal setting or just a refresher on board roles and responsibilities, it's best to get on the calendar now rather than calling at the last minute. If you have questions about VSBA governance training or want additional information, please contact Brianna Stout, VSBA coordinator of board development, at brianna@vsba.org or 434-295-8722 for additional information.

As usual, there is much to think about and stay on top of for school leaders. In addition to the annual convention, we have other events and conferences coming up in the next couple of months, including the Hot Topic Conference on Virtual/Blended Learning and several webinars. As always, we hope these opportunities will help you lead your division.

Thanks for all that you do.



(from I to r): VSBA President-Elect Bill Kidd (Wythe County), Past President Kerri Wilson (Harrisonburg City), Executive Director Gina Patterson, and President Juandiego Wade (Charlottesville City) at the NSBA Summer Leadership Seminar



September 1—VSBA Superintendent Evaluation Workshop Charlottesville, VA



(from I to r): Senator John Watkins being awarded the VSBA Legislative Award of Excellence by Dianne Smith (Chesterfield County) and VSBA President Juandiego Wade (Charlottesville City) at the VSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference



September 10—VSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference Charlottesville, VA

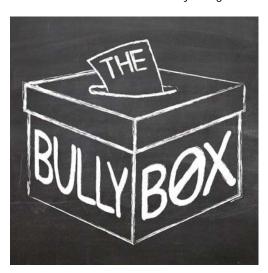


It's a wonderful thing when the pieces come together: A modern cell phone policy, a B.Y.O.D. initiative, and an aggressive anti-bullying program.

By Gregory A. Brown, Ed.D., assistant superintendent, Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools is piloting an anonymous reporting, anti-bullying cell phone app this year at Pulaski County High School called The BullyBøx. Incorporating the app has been seamless and well received. Bringing BullyBøx into the halls of Pulaski County High School would not have been possible without an administrative focus on technology in the classroom that starts with the Pulaski County School Board, a modern cell phone policy for the students, and an aggressive anti-bullying program.

The Pulaski County School Board has adopted the "bring your own device" (B.Y.O.D.) initiative in Pulaski County Public Schools. Pulaski County High School has wireless electronic drops throughout the majority of the building to support one-to-one type initiatives and various devices are currently being used and tested to find the



best fit for Pulaski County. In conjunction with a fiber backbone throughout the school division with a 1,000 MB synchronous pipe, we have the ability to move large amounts of information through digital devices and easily support the idea of an anonymous anti-bullying cell phone app.

Students carrying cellular phones started to appear in schools roughly fifteen years ago. Being a high school principal at the time, I remember sitting down with my administrative team and discussing how to best address student use of cell phones in school. Little did I imagine the exponential growth of cell phone use from a student simply having a phone, then texting abilities, and now smart phones and the incredible connectivity these devices possess. The end result is that public school administrators have to find a way to manage student cell phone use in their schools, not forbid it. Otherwise an administrator will do nothing more than have their day consumed by students violating the cell phone policy.

Pulaski County High School has, in my view, a modern cell phone policy. Students are allowed to use their cell phones in the building before and after school and during the student's assigned lunch period. Cell phones are not permitted during instructional time unless use of the cell phone is part of the teacher's instructional plans. Therefore, Pulaski County High School's cell phone policy supports the concept of an anonymous anti-bullying cell phone app.

As an administrator, I can validate that bullying is a constant battle. In contrast to the information I have shared above, components of the electronic world have made combating bullying even more difficult. The various forms of social media and electronic communications have created a new type of bully. Most building level administrators will share the increased frequency of Monday morning phone calls from parents sharing that their child and another student are at odds because of issues that arose over the weekend through the use of social media and electronic communication.

Pulaski County Public Schools partners with New River Valley Community Services to incorporate the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program. Daily lessons, assemblies, and other events and activities are a frequent component of the school day.

Therefore, Pulaski County High School's cell phone policy supports the concept of an anonymous antibullying cell phone app.

The BullyBøx program allows students the ability to anonymously report the names of the alleged victim(s) and alleged assailant(s), location, time, and details of the event, and potential witnesses. Pulaski County Public Schools is not necessarily advocating for BullyBøx, but we do believe these types of programs will become more prevalent in schools. Additionally, BullyBøx is not a substitute for a sound administrative investigation into the alleged bullying act. Programs of this nature are only tools for building administrators to more efficiently and effectively investigate bullying allegations.

So, when you have a moment, Google *anonymous anti-bullying apps*. Maybe you will find one that works for your school division.

New federal report indicated bullying in schools is declining

New data show the first significant decrease in school-based bullying since the federal government began collecting that data in 2005. This suggests that anti-bullying efforts at the federal, state and local levels may be paying off. According to the US Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics report, the prevalence of bullying among students ages 12 to 18 dropped to 22% in 2013 after ranging from 28% to 32% since 2005. The full report is available at http://nces.ed.gov/blogs/nces/post/measuring-student-safety-bullying-rates-at-school

VSBA Affiliate Member Profiles

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

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SCENARIO

The local media reports on a topic that was discussed in closed session and cites a source that asked to remain anonymous.

What is the main issue? Who should own it? How would you handle it?

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PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

At the August meeting of the VSBA Board of Directors, the Board opted to not renew the profit sharing agreement established with Share911, an emergency mass alert/notification system. We wanted to make you aware of this in case your school division happened to be in discussion with the company.

November is "VSBA Take Your Legislator to School" Month

In an effort to promote a closer relationship between public education and the Virginia State Legislature, the Virginia School Boards Association urges each school division in the state to invite at least one of their state legislators to visit their schools during the month of November. There are many benefits from participating in VSBA Take Your Legislator to School Month, including developing closer relationships between school divisions, local communities and our elected officials, and creating opportunities for productive dialogue so that educational and political leaders can work together to ensure that we provide the best possible education for our students. In addition, when legislators visit your schools as part of VSBA Take Your Legislator to School Month, local students will have the opportunity to interact with elected officials and learn about the important roles and responsibilities of Virginia General Assembly members. Almost like a field trip that is coming to your school, a visit by your local legislator creates many different "teachable moments."

This year, the VSBA encourages school divisions to choose an area of focus for your legislative visits. For example, you may decide to have "VSBA Take Your Legislator to CTE School Month" or "VSBA Take Your Legislator to Blended Learning School Month". This will allow you to emphasize particular aspects and programs in the division that you are most proud of or wish to highlight.

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD A VSBA TAKE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO SCHOOL MONTH RESOURCE GUIDE

VSBA Task Force on Workforce Readiness

In March 2015, the VSBA Board of Directors created the VSBA Task Force on Workforce Readiness to study how career and technical education programs are being implemented in Virginia school divisions and how these programs are preparing the state's future workforce. In subsequent meetings, the task force members established the mission of the task force as shown on the right side of this page.

Primary goals for the task force include:

- Conduct a statewide survey in Fall 2015 of Virginia school divisions on workforce readiness programs and initiatives
- Identify and share best practices
- Develop and implement statewide education and advocacy efforts
- Hold a spring VSBA Hot Topic Conference on workforce readiness

An additional priority for the task force has been to involve other key stakeholder groups. As a result, representatives from the following organizations have been active participants in the task force efforts:

- Virginia Association of School Superintendents
- Virginia Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia Department of Education
- Virginia Community College System
- REL Appalachia

The task force provided an interim report to the VSBA Board of Directors on August 26, 2015, at which time they shared the following video called "Success in the New Economy", which others may find informative.



Video Direct Link

https://vimeo.com/67277269

Task Force Mission Statement

The mission of the VSBA Task Force on Workforce Readiness is to support school divisions by identifying and promoting workforce readiness opportunities that enable students to be prepared to succeed in a new economy.

Task Force Members

Bill Kidd, co-chairman (Wythe County)

Dr. Tom Brewster, co-chairman (Pulaski County)

Jarvis Bailey (Fredericksburg City)

Carrie Coyner (Chesterfield County)

Ruth Larson (Williamsburg-James City County)

Patty Long (Westmoreland County)

Don McCann (Lancaster County)

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Dr. Keith Perrigan (Norton City)

Dr. Greg Smith (Richmond County)

Dr. Chris Stacy (Bland County)



UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

September 29, 2015

Webinar—VSBA BoardDocs: Formatting Documents (LT version)

LOCATION: Webinar

DETAIL: Consistency in formatting is vitally important for producing agendas that are both professional in appearance and easy to read. Learn best practices for formatting agenda, policy, and library documents, while being introduced to techniques for editing content, attaching documents, creating lists, and incorporating tables to help you achieve more consistent and predictable formatting results.

October 2, 2015

Hot Topic Conference on Virtual/Blended Learning

LOCATION: Midlothian, VA

DETAIL: Have questions about how to integrate new technology into your schools? Have you ever wondered what other divisions are doing and how they implemented their technology initiatives? Do you want insights into the next big things coming in virtual/blended learning? Then this conference is for you! Register today—this conference promises to be a very enlightening day! An optional complimentary tour of the Chesterfield Career & Technical Center will be given after the meeting by BCWH employees. To sign up for the optional tour, please email brianna@vsba.org.

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October 27, 2015

Webinar—VSBA BoardDocs: Collaborative Publishing With Online Submission (Pro version)

LOCATION: Webinar

DETAIL: The responsibility for development of meeting agendas usually falls on a small group of individuals who are tasked with ensuring that that agendas are finalized, approved, and posted for access by various stakeholders and constituencies. This responsibility can involve many hours of oversight and production. However, the agenda creation process can be made much more efficient when individuals who contribute agenda content are permitted to submit their items in BoardDocs. Learn how to make the agenda creation process more seamless and collaborative by incorporating practices for online submission and approval.

For information on any of these opportunities, visit the "Meetings & Conferences" tab on the VSBA web site - www.vsba.org

Ask the Legal Expert

Q. Are school divisions required to accept applications for charter schools?

A. Yes. When Virginia's charter school law was first enacted, each division was permitted to decide whether or not to accept applications for charter schools. The law has been changed to require every division to accept applications for charter schools.

For previous "Ask the Legal Expert" Q&A's, visit the VSBA web site.



The 2015 VSBA Green Schools Challenge is now available. Please complete the challenge by September 25, 2015. For more information...

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http://gogreenva.org/?/challenge/participate/id/2

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General Session Speakers



Wednesday November 18, 2015 2:00 pm

Rory Vaden, MBA

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Thursday November 19, 2015 8:30 am

Jaclyn Marie Roller Ryan Jaclyn Marie Roller Ryan, an

agriscience teacher and Future
Farmers of America (FFA) advisor
at Signal Knob Middle School in
Shenandoah County Public
Schools, is the Region 4 Virginia
Teacher of the Year and the 2015
Virginia Teacher of the Year. A
recipient of numerous honors,
Jaclyn is the third generation in her
family to be an agriscience teacher
and FFA advisor in her hometown.



Friday November 20, 2015 8:30 am

Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver (Ret.)
Stewart Rodeheaver is a proven combat, corporate and community leader, and entrepreneur. He is the owner of ViziTech, a break-away technology company focused in 3D, virtual, interactive and augmented reality based training. ViziTech was Georgia's "Coolest Technology Company" of the year in 2011 and Stewart was the technology "Entrepreneur of the Year" as chosen by the Technology Association of Georgia. BG Rodeheaver served the U.S. Army for 38 years.

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Early Bird Sessions

Wednesday, November 18

9:30 am - Noon

Engage Every Family: Five Simple Principles

Dr. Steve Constantino, superintendent, Williamsburg-James City County

Dr. Steve Constantino, the nation's leading practitioner in family engagement will share with participants his model for effective family engagement entitled "The Five Simple Principles." Dr. Constantino will provide a framework and pathways for schools to increase the engagement of families, especially those that are traditionally disengaged or disenfranchised. The workshop closely follows the ideas presented in his new book, "Engage Every Family: Five Simple Principles". Dr. Constantino will also provide school board members with a framework to create effective family engagement policy in their own school divisions. With his usual humor and knack for storytelling and telling it like it is, Dr. Constantino ensures that all participants will leave the workshop with the knowledge, ideas, plans and enthusiasm to understand the importance of engaging every family.

Introduction to Special Education Law for School Board Members

Kathleen Mehfoud, partner, Reed Smith Jason Ballum, partner, Reed Smith

School board members may hear that the board is not permitted to take certain actions regarding testing, discipline, placement or school assignment because the student has a disability. Some of these decisions are made by staff in consultation with the parents. It is important that school board members understand their role and any limitations on authority that they may have in the complicated special education process. Two experienced special education attorneys will present this in-depth program and explain the basics of special education law and the role of the school board. Because special education issues can be both time-consuming and expensive for the school division, this session is a critical one to attend.

Check out our Annual
Convention
Promo Video, which was
produced by Newport
News students!



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Don't Miss Out!

- Early Bird Sessions
- Student Achievement Fair
- Receptions
- 3 General Sessions
- Regional Meetings
- 50+ Breakout Sessions
- Delegate Assembly
- 70+ Exhibitors
- Daily Session Tracks
- Exhibitors Scholarship
- Green Schools Challenge
- 12th Annual 5K Run/Walk
- School Architecture Exhibition
- High School Video Contest
- Networking Opportunities

Williamsburg, VA
November 19, 2015

— 7:00 AM

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VSBA Newsletter

Building Effective Family-School Partnerships

By Sarah Gross, president elect, Virginia PTA



Whether you are at a conference about building successful urban schools or professional development for teachers or workshops for parents, there is always research-based discussion about the positive effects of parent involvement in our schools. I've even heard a statistic that asserts moving a parent from "not engaged" to "marginally engaged" can have the same benefits as an additional \$1,000 per pupil in funding. But whatever way you look at it, an informed and engaged parent body has a positive impact on schools and classrooms and improves student success.

National PTA, working with leading experts on parent involvement and school-community partnerships, has updated its National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs to reflect recent research and improve parent and community involvement practices. The updated National Standards shift the focus from what schools should do to involve parents to what parents, schools, and communities can do together to support student success.

Here are the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships:

Standard 1: Welcoming all families into the school community— Families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.

...the strongest and most consistent predictors of parent involvement at school and at home are the specific school programs and teacher practices that encourage parent involvement...

Standard 2: Communicating effectively—Families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.

Standard 3: Supporting student success—Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

Standard 4: Speaking up for every child—Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

Standard 5: Sharing power—Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

Standard 6: Collaborating with community—Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

These are proven standards for successful school-family connections that should be adopted at the federal, state and local levels. But in practice, the strongest and most consistent predictors of parent involvement at school and at home are the **specific school programs and teacher practices** that encourage parent involvement at school and guide parents in how to help their children at home.

Learning-focused involvement programs may include:

- Family nights on math or literacy.
- Family-teacher conferences that involve students.
- Family workshops on planning for college.

Principals and teachers must support parent involvement by:

- Making parent involvement a priority.
- Recognizing and removing barriers to parent involvement.
- Sharing decision-making power with parents and community members.
- Working to understand class and cultural differences.

Engaging community members, businesses, and organizations as partners in children's education can improve the learning community in many ways. Community partners may be able to:

- Provide expanded learning opportunities.
- Build broad-based support for increased school funding.
- Provide quality after-school programs.

As a first step, supporting PTA units in schools is a simple and proven way to increase family engagement. Also, providing information for parents that is easy to access and available in several languages insures that all families feel welcomed and informed. Parents can be your school's strongest advocates - and if engaged, will be committed to their students success and the success of their teachers and neighborhood schools.

To help determine the strength of your family-school partnership, click here: http://www.pta.org/files/Power_Of_Partnerships-survey.pdf.

For more information on specific strategies for parent engagement, click here: http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?
http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?
http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?

To review USED's extensive library on family and community engagement, click here: http://www.ed.gov/family-and-community-engagement.



2015 VSBA Media Honor Roll

Reporters and local media outlets play an important role in public education. School division leaders rely on responsible reporting by local media representatives so that our community members receive timely information about division initiatives and programs. Considering the impact that media coverage can have on community attitudes and beliefs, the *VSBA Media Honor Roll* was created to recognize fair and balanced reporting about our schools and Virginia's public education system.

This year, the following school divisions nominated media outlets in their community in recognition of: (1) Making the effort to get to know the superintendent and board chairman; (2) Understanding the division's mission and goals; (3) Reporting school news in a manner that is fair, accurate, and balanced; (4) Giving a high-profile position to good news about schools; (5) Regularly visiting the schools, attending board meetings, etc.; (6) Maintaining a policy of "no surprises" by sharing information with school representatives.

Alleghany County

Gavin Dressler, The Virginian Review

Bedford County

Tom Wilmoth, The Bedford Bulletin Tim Saunders, WDBJ-7 Angela Hatcher, WSET-ABC13

Bristol City

David McGee, Bristol Herald Courier

Covington City

Jerome Johnson, Virginian Review

Culpeper County

Alice Felts, Culpeper Times Newspaper Jonathan Krawchuck, Culpeper Media Network Rhonda Simmons, Culpeper Star - Exponent

Cumberland County

Jordan Miles, The Farmville Herald Laura McFarland, Cumberland Today Katrina Blankenship, The Community Journal

Essex County

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Falls Church City

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Carlos Santos, Fluvanna Review Newsplex Channel 19 Sherry Rhodes, Rural Virginian

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Frances Hubbard, Daily Press Newspaper Christi Lewis, Gloucester Co. Community Education

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Sandie Warwick, Goochland on my Mind Blog

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Paul Collins, The Martinsville Bulletin Ron Morris, WZBB Radio Charles Roark, Star News

King George County

Phyllis Cook, Journal Sara Backstrom, The Free Lance Star

Lexington City

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Radford City

Heather Bell, Radford News Journal

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Jim Bresnahan, WREL Kit Huffman, The News Gazette Doug Harwood, The Rockbridge Advocate

Smyth County

Linda Burchette, Smyth County News & Messenger

Waynesboro City

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Roger Gonzalez, The Waynesboro News-Virginian

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