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2025 VSBA Food for Thought Competition Winners Announced

Winners Recognized at the VSBA Conference on Education

Charlottesville, VA – Six school divisions have received top honors in the 2025 Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Food for Thought Competition. These recognitions were announced earlier today at the 40th VSBA Conference on Education held in Short Pump.

Established in 2012, the VSBA Food for Thought Competition aims to educate, engage, and empower school leaders in addressing childhood hunger and ensuring healthier, more nutritious school meals for all students in Virginia. This year marks the 13th anniversary of the awards, which were proudly sponsored by the Virginia Lottery.

This year's competition focused on Meal Access to Fight Hunger and featured three categories: Breakfast Programs, Afterschool Meal Programs, and Mental Health and Nutrition Initiatives. The school divisions recognized for their outstanding contributions in these areas are:

Breakfast Programs

Winner (Below 10,000 Student Population) – Colonial Beach Public Schools

Winner (Above 10,001 Student Population) – Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Afterschool Meal Programs

Winner (Below 10,000 Student Population) – Pulaski County Public Schools

Winner (Above 10,001 Student Population) – Hampton City Public Schools

Mental Health and Nutrition Initiatives

Winner (Below 10,000 Student Population) – Culpeper County Public Schools

Winner (Above 10,001 Student Population) – Norfolk City Public Schools

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 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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