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Exhibition of School Architecture People's Choice Award Announced

Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) is pleased to announce that Moseley Inc. has been chosen for the “2025 People’s Choice Award” for the 2025 VSBA Exhibition of School Architecture. Their project for Walker-Grant Middle School in Fredericksburg City Public Schools was chosen by attendees at the 2025 VSBA Annual Convention which was held November 19-21, 2025.

In a joint statement, Molly Merlo, AIA, Vice President, and Stephen Halsey, AIA, REFP, Vice President at Moseley Inc., said: “First Choice Partnership, Moseley Inc. and English Construction, are thrilled that the new Walker-Grant Middle School has been honored with the People’s Choice Award at this year’s Virginia School Boards Association Annual Convention. In collaboration with the Fredericksburg City Public Schools, this project reflects a shared commitment to creating a modern learning environment for Fredericksburg students. The school blends the rich history and tradition of the community with innovative features, including expanded career and technical education programs and flexible spaces for extended learning. We feel fortunate to have been a part of a project that stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts of the entire project team and is an investment that will serve future generations.”

“On behalf of the Fredericksburg City School Board, I am grateful for this recognition from the VSBA,” stated Fredericksburg School Board Chair Matthew Rowe. “The new Walker-Grant Middle School represents our commitment to providing students with learning spaces that educate and inspire every child every day. Our collaboration with Moseley produced a building that supports innovative instruction while honoring the history of the Walker-Grant name. We are proud to see this community investment celebrated with the People's Choice Award.”

The Annual Convention brought over 1,000 school board members, superintendents, division administrators, education officials, and others, together. Attendees were presented with nine design projects and had the opportunity to vote for their favorite among them.

First Citizens Bank sponsored the *VSBA Exhibition of School Architecture*.

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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