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Virginia School Boards Association Announces Second Annual VSBA Showcasing Innovation Award Winners

Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) proudly announces the recipients of the second annual VSBA Showcasing Innovation Award, recognizing exceptional achievements and forward-thinking practices in public education across the Commonwealth.

This award highlights exemplary programs in three categories: school divisions with student populations below 10,000, divisions with student populations above 10,001, and a regional program category. In each population category, one winner and one honorable mention are recognized, along with one regional winner. All honorees were recognized during May and June.

The following school divisions have been recognized for their outstanding programs and initiatives:

Student Population Below 10,000:

Winner: Manassas City Public Schools, *Building Stronger Families Through Adult ESL Education*

Honorable Mention: Lunenburg County Public Schools, *Building Futures: Kenbridge Construction & CHS Carpentry Playhouse Project*

Student Population Above 10,001:

Winner: Virginia Beach City Public Schools, *XPEDITION: PORT OF CALL*

Honorable Mention: Prince William County Public Schools, *Beyond the Bell: The Support Corps Model for Student Mental Health*

Regional Program Category:

Winner: Pulaski County Public Schools & Radford City Public Schools, *Bridge to Excellence – Manufacturing Program*

These award-winning programs exemplify how Virginia's public schools are advancing innovative, impactful strategies that support student success and strengthen communities. VSBA commends these school divisions for their leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence in public education.

About the Virginia School Boards Association

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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