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King William County School Board Member Veda Frazier Receives 2026 VSBA Advocate for Education Award



Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) is pleased to announce Veda Frazier, Vice-Chair of King William County School Board, as the recipient of the 2026 VSBA Advocate for Education Award. Now in its 12th year, the award recognizes school board members whose exceptional leadership, service, and advocacy have made a lasting impact on public education at the local, regional, and state levels. The 2026 award is sponsored by Diligent.

Throughout her nine years of service on the King William County School Board, Frazier has played an important role in shaping division policies, guiding strategic priorities, overseeing fiscal responsibilities, and supporting student achievement. Her leadership also extends across the Commonwealth through her service as VSBA Eastern Region Chair from 2024-2026, representing the interests of 14 school divisions and strengthening regional collaboration and advocacy.

Beyond her school board responsibilities, Frazier serves as Director of the Community Connection Program for the county of King William, overseeing initiatives focused on prevention, intervention, rehabilitation, and alternatives to detention. Her work in truancy prevention and early intervention helps address barriers to school attendance and supports students in staying on track toward graduation.

“On behalf of the King William County School Board, I am proud to congratulate Veda Frazier on receiving the VSBA Advocate for Education Award,” said Eric Farmer, Chair of the King William County School Board. “Mrs. Frazier exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated advocate for public education. Her passion for student success, commitment to strengthening our schools, and unwavering belief in the power of public education reflect the very best of school board leadership. This recognition is a testament to her dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of students, families, and the King William County community.”

“Veda Frazier’s recognition with the VSBA Advocate for Education Award is a tremendous honor for both her and the King William County community,” said Darrell Pankratz, Superintendent of King William County Public Schools. “Mrs. Frazier understands that strong public schools are built through collaboration, meaningful relationships, and a shared commitment to putting students first. Her dedication to supporting our educators, creating opportunities for students, and strengthening the connection between our schools and community reflects the true spirit of this award. We are grateful for her leadership and proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.”

Through her commitment to effective governance, youth advocacy, and regional leadership, Frazier continues to make a meaningful difference for students and families in King William County and throughout Virginia. Her dedication to public education exemplifies the spirit of the VSBA Advocate for Education Award.

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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