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Three Architectural Projects Earn State Awards

Charlottesville, VA – Three school architecture projects have been selected for top honors in the Virginia School Boards Association's (VSBA) 2026 Exhibition of School Architecture. Recognizing the important role that school facilities play in supporting education, the annual competition celebrates innovative approaches to designing and transforming learning spaces. Selected from nine submissions representing five architectural firms, this year's winning projects reflect excellence in educational architecture across the Commonwealth. The projects will be showcased at the 2026 VSBA Annual Convention November 18-20, 2026, in Williamsburg, Virginia. First Citizens Bank proudly sponsors this year's competition.

Platinum Design Award: Grimm + Parker Architects for Halifax County High School, Halifax County Public Schools
Halifax County High School is a leading-edge learning and growth environment for 1,400 students, providing critical upgrades to career and technical learning labs, traditional academic spaces for the college-bound, and its historically outstanding sports programs. Students, staff, and the community collaborated with architects to develop a school design that celebrates Halifax County's history as an important crossroads for agriculture, industry, and transportation.

Gold Design Award: RRMM Architects for George Washington High School, Danville City Public Schools
George Washington High School's transformative renovations significantly modernized the 70-year-old facility while enhancing its educational and athletic offerings. The design elevated Career and Technical Education (CTE) into a flagship program and reinforced the school's impressive athletic legacy with new regional competition facilities.

Silver Design Award: Moseley for A.M. Davis Elementary School, Chesterfield County Public Schools
A.M. Davis Elementary School in Richmond, Virginia, replaces an overcrowded campus with a 111,500 square-foot, two-story school designed to accommodate 1,000 students for Chesterfield County Public Schools. Moseley's design combines collaborative learning spaces with an intentional focus on flexible and multipurpose functionality that can adapt to the evolving needs of the school and district.

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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