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## Hampton City School Board Earns 2026 VSBA Board of Distinction Designation



**Charlottesville, VA –** The Hampton City School Board has been designated a 2026 VSBA Board of Distinction by the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA), recognizing its demonstrated commitment to excellence in school board governance and leadership.

This distinguished designation is earned by school boards that meet established criteria in four key areas: planning, policy, communication, and board development. Through its dedication to these essential practices, the Hampton City School Board has demonstrated a commitment to effective governance, continuous improvement, and creating a strong foundation for student success.

“Earning this designation of a VSBA Board of Distinction is a meaningful recognition of our board’s dedication to serving the students, families, and community of Hampton,” said Dr. Richard Mason, Chair of the Hampton City School Board. “Strong governance requires intentional planning, open communication, and a shared commitment to continuous growth. As a board, we take great pride in working together to establish a clear vision for our schools and ensure that our decisions reflect the needs of those we serve. This distinction reinforces the importance of that work and inspires us to continue strengthening our leadership and making a lasting, positive impact on public education in Hampton.”

The Hampton City School Board was formally recognized on Wednesday, November 18, during the 2026 VSBA Annual Convention Awards Luncheon and Opening General Session in Williamsburg, Virginia. This annual event brings together school board members, superintendents, division administrators, and education professionals from across the Commonwealth to celebrate accomplishments, share best practices, and strengthen school board leadership throughout Virginia.

**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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