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Westmoreland County School Board Named 2026 VSBA School Board of the Year



Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) proudly announces the Westmoreland County School Board as the recipient of the 2026 VSBA School Board of the Year Award, one of the Association's highest honors recognizing excellence in school board leadership and governance. Presented annually to one outstanding school board in the Commonwealth, this prestigious recognition celebrates exceptional dedication to student achievement, effective governance, and a commitment to strengthening public education.

The Westmoreland County School Board was selected for its demonstrated commitment to collaborative leadership, strategic decision-making, and fostering an educational environment where students have opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. The board's dedication to building strong relationships, maintaining open communication, and working toward a shared vision for its school division reflects the qualities of effective school board governance.

"To be named the 2026 VSBA School Board of the Year is an extraordinary honor for our governance team and the entire Westmoreland County community," said Ralph Fallin, Chair of the Westmoreland County School Board. "Serving our students requires more than making decisions around a board table. It requires listening, building trust, and working together to create meaningful opportunities for every child. We are fortunate to have dedicated educators, administrators, families, and community members who share that commitment. This recognition is a testament to what can be accomplished when we remain united in our purpose and focused on the future of our students."

The Westmoreland County School Board was formally recognized on Wednesday, November 18, during the 2026 VSBA Annual Convention Awards Luncheon and Opening General Session in Williamsburg, Virginia. The annual event brings together school board members, superintendents, division administrators, and education professionals from across the Commonwealth to celebrate achievements, exchange ideas, and strengthen leadership in support of Virginia's public schools.

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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