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Virginia School Boards Association Recognizes 2026 Master Board Recertifications

Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) is proud to recognize the school boards that have successfully earned recertification as VSBA Master Boards in 2026. These boards will be honored during the VSBA Annual Convention, held November 18-20 in Williamsburg, Virginia. In recognition of their continued commitment to effective governance, collaborative leadership, and student success.

The VSBA Master Board Program is a comprehensive professional development initiative designed to strengthen school board governance teams through an emphasis on trust, teamwork, communication, and effective decision-making. Through interactive training, board members develop strategies to work collaboratively, navigate challenges, and maintain a shared focus on improving educational opportunities for all students.

To initially earn the VSBA Master Board designation, school boards must complete four intensive training modules focused on building effective governance teams, strengthening trust, improving communications, and supporting student achievement. Recertification reflects a board's continued dedication to professional growth and maintaining the principles of effective governance.

The following school boards earned VSBA Master Board Recertification in 2026:

- Buckingham County Governance Team
- Caroline County Governance Team
- Greensville County Governance Team
- Richmond County Governance Team
- Westmoreland County Governance Team

"Effective school board governance requires an ongoing commitment to learning, collaboration, and strong leadership," said Gina Patterson, VSBA Executive Director. "These boards have demonstrated their dedication to strengthening their governance practices and working together in the best interests of the students and communities they serve. We congratulate each board on achieving this important recognition."

Through the Master Board Program, VSBA continues to support school boards across the Commonwealth in developing the knowledge, skills, and relationships necessary to lead their school divisions effectively.

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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