| **Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item** | **Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia** |
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# Agenda Item: O

## Date: June 20, 2019

### Title: Report on Schools Recognized for Exemplar Performance as Required by Recognition and Rewards for School and Division Accountability *(8VAC20-131-410)* *(written report)*

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## Purpose of Presentation:

For information only. No action required.

## Executive Summary: This report identifies schools meeting the criteria for exemplar performance under the Board of Education’s authority prescribed in *Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* (*8VAC20-131-410).* In April 2018, the Board approved final guidelines for the Exemplar School Recognition Program and established criteria for three types of recognition: (1) highest achievement, (2) continuous improvement, and (3) innovative practices.

For the 2018-2019 school year, 52 schools met the criteria for highest achievement (Appendix A). Schools recognized for highest achievement were rated “Accredited” and demonstrated high levels of success across all of the school quality indicators, including achievement gaps among student groups. To be eligible for this award, schools must have met the state benchmark for reading, math, and science based on the student pass rate (i.e., not including growth or progress) and must have had no more than a five percent gap (for schools with two student groups) or a ten percent gap (for schools with three or more student groups) between the lowest performing student group and all other students in the school. In addition, schools must have met the Level One benchmark for all other applicable school quality indicators.

For the 2018-2019 school year, 183 schools met the criteria for continuous improvement (Appendix B). Schools recognized for continuous improvement were rated “Accredited” or “Accredited with Conditions” and met one of four criteria: (1) a ten-point increase in the combined rate (e.g., an increase from 55% to 65%) in reading, math, and science across three years; (2) a ten-point increase in the combined rate in reading and math for two or more student groups across three years; (3) a decrease in the chronic absenteeism rate for three years; or (4) for schools with a graduating class, an increase in the Graduation and Completion Index and a decrease in the dropout rate for three years.

## Recognition for the third recognition category, innovative practices, will be awarded for the first time in the 2019-2020 school year, based on an agency-established application process.

## Action Requested:

No action requested.

## Superintendent’s Recommendation: The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education accept the Report on Schools Recognized for Exemplar Performance as Required by Recognition and Rewards for School and Division Accountability *(8VAC20-131-410)*

## Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

## **Background Information and Statutory Authority:** Schools are identified for exemplar performance under the Board of Education’s authority prescribed in *Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* (*8VAC20-131). Section 410.B.* of the regulations which states:

B. Schools and divisions may be designated and recognized by the board for exemplar performance in accordance with criteria and guidelines it shall establish for top achievement in one or more school quality indicators, and the board may include recognition for high performing schools in specific peer categories, such as schools with high levels of poverty.

In April 2018, the Board approved final guidelines establishing the criteria for three types of recognition: (1) highest achievement, (2) continuous improvement, and (3) innovative practices.

Per HB1868 of the 2019 General Assembly Session, the Exemplar School Recognition Program will replace the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Program effective July 1, 2019.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:  
Recognition for highest achievement and continuous improvement will be awarded annually based on the most current data and accreditation status. Recognition for innovative practice will be awarded every two years beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

## Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

None.

# Attachment A

## Schools Recognized for Exemplar Performance: Highest Achievement

The following 52 schools are recognized for Exemplar Performance under the Highest Achievement category by meeting the following criteria:

* Rated Accredited for the 2018-2019 school year;
* Met state benchmark for reading, math, and science based on the student pass rate;
* No more than a five percent gap (for schools with two student groups) or a ten percent gap (for schools with three or more student groups) between the lowest performing student group and all other students in the school; and
* Met the Level One benchmark for all other applicable school quality indicators.

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| **Region 1: Central Virginia** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Chesterfield County | Bellwood Elementary |
| Henrico County | Colonial Trail Elementary  Twin Hickory Elementary  Nuckols Farm Elementary  Rivers Edge Elementary  Sandston Elementary |
| Richmond City | Open High |
| Surry County | Surry Elementary |

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| **Region 2: Tidewater** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Newport News City | General Stanford Elementary  Deer Park Elementary |
| Virginia Beach City | Bayside Elementary  Corporate Landing Elementary  Old Donation School  Green Run Collegiate  Rosemont Elementary  Kingston Elementary  Shelton Park Elementary  Christopher Farms Elementary  Malibu Elementary |
| York County | Mount Vernon Elementary |

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| **Region 3: Northern Neck** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Northumberland County | Northumberland Elementary |

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| **Region 4: Northern Virginia** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Alexandria City | Patrick Henry Elementary  James K. Polk Elementary |
| Arlington County | Tuckahoe Elementary |
| Fairfax County | Wolftrap Elementary  Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology  Forestville Elementary |
| Loudoun County | Hillsboro Charter Academy  Waterford Elementary  Legacy Elementary |
| Prince William County | Bel Air Elementary  Minnieville Elementary  C.A. Sinclair Elementary |
| Winchester City | John Kerr Elementary |

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| **Region 5: Valley** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Albemarle County | Virginia L. Murray Elementary |
| Augusta County | Riverheads High |
| Bath County | Millboro Elementary |
| Rockbridge County | Mountain View Elementary |
| Rockingham County | Linville-Edom Elementary |

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| **Region 6: Western Virginia** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Montgomery County | Gilbert Linkous Elementary |
| Patrick County | Patrick Springs Elementary  Blue Ridge Elementary |
| Roanoke County | Burlington Elementary  Green Valley Elementary  Bonsack Elementary |

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| **Region 7: Southwest** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Lee County | Elk Knob Elementary |
| Russell County | Belfast Elk Garden Elementary  Honaker Elementary |
| Scott County | Yuma Elementary |
| Smyth County | Sugar Grove Elementary  Rich Valley Elementary |
| Wythe County | Rural Retreat Elementary |

# Attachment B

## Schools Recognized for Exemplar Performance: Continuous Improvement

The following 183 schools are recognized for Exemplar Performance under the Continuous Improvement category. These schools are rated as “Accredited” or “Accredited with Conditions” for the 2018-2019 school year and met at least one of the following:

* Increased the combined rate for math, reading *and* science for each of the past three years, with a total increase across the three years of ten points or more; or
* Increased the combined rate for two or more student groups in reading *and* math for each of the past three years, with a total increase across the three years of ten points or more; or
* Decreased the chronic absenteeism rate for each of the past three years, with a total reduction across the three years of 15 percent or more of the first year’s chronic absenteeism rate; or
* Increased the Graduation and Completion Index (GCI) for each of the past three years, with a total increase across the three years of four percent or more; *and* decreased the dropout rate for each of the past three years, with the total reduction across three years of 15 percent or more of the first year’s dropout rate.

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| **Region 1: Central Virginia** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Hanover County | Cold Harbor Elementary  Elmont Elementary  Henry Clay Elementary  Pole Green Elementary  South Anna Elementary |
| Henrico County | Jackson Davis Elementary  Montrose Elementary |
| New Kent County | New Kent Elementary  New Kent Middle |
| Powhatan County | Flat Rock Elementary  Pocahontas Elementary  Powhatan Elementary  Powhatan Middle |
| Prince George County | William A. Walton Elementary |
| Richmond City | Albert Hill Middle  Binford Middle  John Marshall High  Richmond Community High |
| Sussex County | Sussex Central Middle |

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| **Region 2: Tidewater** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Accomack County | Pungoteague Elementary |
| Chesapeake City | Butts Road Primary  Edwin W. Chittum Elementary  George W. Carver Intermediate  Grassfield Elementary  Grassfield High  Hickory High  Hickory Middle  Hugo A. Owens Middle  Oscar F. Smith High  Western Branch Middle  Western Branch Primary |
| Hampton City | Cesar Tarrant Middle  Luther W. Machen Elementary |
| Isle of Wight County | Smithfield High |
| Newport News City | David A. Dutrow Elementary  Denbigh High  Discovery STEM Academy  T. Ryland Sanford Elementary |
| Norfolk City | Academy for Discovery at Lakewood  Coleman Place Elementary  Crossroads Elementary  Larchmont Elementary  Mary Calcott Elementary School  Southside STEM Academy at Campostella  St. Helena Elementary  Suburban Park Elementary  Walter Herron Taylor Elementary  Willard Model Elementary |
| Suffolk City | King's Fork High |
| Virginia Beach City | Alanton Elementary  Frank W. Cox High  Green Run High  Hermitage Elementary  Landstown High  North Landing Elementary |
| Williamsburg-James City County | Lafayette High |
| York County | Bruton High  Queens Lake Middle |

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| **Region 3: Northern Neck** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Colonial Beach | Colonial Beach Elementary |
| Essex County | Essex High |
| Gloucester County | Abingdon Elementary  Achilles Elementary  Petsworth Elementary |
| King and Queen County | Central High |
| Northumberland County | Northumberland High |
| Spotsylvania County | Courtland Elementary  Robert E. Lee Elementary  Spotsylvania High  Spotsylvania Middle |
| Stafford County | Andrew G. Wright Middle  Kate Waller Barrett Elementary  Rodney E. Thompson Middle  Shirley C. Heim Middle |
| Westmoreland County | Washington & Lee High |

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| **Region 4: Northern Virginia** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Alexandria City | Francis C. Hammond Middle  George Washington Middle |
| Arlington County | Abingdon Elementary  Arlington Community High  Arlington Science Focus  Hoffman-Boston Elementary |
| Clarke County | Clarke County High  Johnson-Williams Middle |
| Fairfax County | Bailey's Upper Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences  Bryant High  Centreville High  Edison High  Fairfax County Adult High  Frost Middle  Herndon High  Hutchison Elementary  Justice High  Kilmer Center  Kings Park Elementary  Lake Braddock Secondary  London Towne Elementary  Madison High  Mountain View High  Stenwood Elementary |
| **Region 4: Northern Virginia, cont.** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Falls Church City | George Mason High |
| Fauquier County | W.G. Coleman Elementary |
| Frederick County | Apple Pie Ridge Elementary |
| Loudoun County | Briar Woods High  Stone Hill Middle |
| Madison County | Waverly Yowell Elementary |
| Orange County | Lightfoot Elementary  Locust Grove Elementary  Locust Grove Middle |
| Page County | Luray Elementary  Springfield Elementary |
| Prince William County | Bristow Run Elementary  Leesylvania Elementary  Springwoods Elementary |
| Rappahannock County | Rappahannock County High |

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| **Region 5: Valley** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Albemarle County | Albemarle County Community Public Charter  Western Albemarle High |
| Amherst County | Amherst County High |
| Augusta County | Edward G. Clymore Elementary  Stuarts Draft High |
| Bath County | Valley Elementary |
| Buena Vista City | Enderly Heights Elementary  Parry McCluer High |
| Campbell County | William Campbell High |
| Charlottesville City | Charlottesville High  Walker Upper Elementary |
| Harrisonburg City | Harrisonburg High  Spotswood Elementary |
| Highland County | Highland Elementary |
| Louisa County | Louisa County Middle |
| Nelson County | Tye River Elementary |
| Rockingham County | Broadway High  John C. Myers Elementary  McGaheysville Elementary |
| Waynesboro City | Kate Collins Middle  Westwood Hills Elementary |

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| **Region 6: Western Virginia** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Botetourt County | Central Academy Middle  Eagle Rock Elementary  James River High |
| Craig County | Craig County High |
| Floyd County | Check Elementary  Floyd County High  Floyd Elementary |
| Henry County | Magna Vista High |
| Martinsville City | Martinsville High  Martinsville Middle |
| Montgomery County | Christiansburg Primary  Eastern Montgomery Elementary |
| Patrick County | Hardin Reynolds Elementary |
| Pittsylvania County | Mount Airy Elementary  Union Hall Elementary |
| Roanoke City | Crystal Spring Elementary  Highland Park Elementary  Patrick Henry High  Westside Elementary |
| Roanoke County | Glenvar High  Hidden Valley High  Mountain View Elementary  Oak Grove Elementary |

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| **Region 7: Southwest** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Bland County | Bland County High |
| Buchanan County | Grundy High |
| Carroll County | Fancy Gap Elementary  Hillsville Elementary  St. Paul School |
| Dickenson County | Clintwood Elementary |
| Galax City | Galax Elementary  Galax High |
| Giles County | Giles High  Narrows High |
| Grayson County | Fairview Elementary  Grayson Highlands |
| Radford City | Belle Heth Elementary |
| Russell County | Castlewood Elementary  Honaker High  Swords Creek Elementary |

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| **Region 7: Southwest, cont.** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Scott County | Rye Cove High  Shoemaker Elementary |
| Smyth County | Northwood High |
| Washington County | Valley Institute Elementary |
| Wythe County | Scott Memorial Middle |

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| **Region 8: Southside** | |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Brunswick County | Brunswick High  James S. Russell Middle |
| Buckingham County | Buckingham County Elementary |
| Cumberland County | Cumberland High |
| Greensville County | Greensville County High |