| **Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item** | **Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia** |
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## 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 ElementaryTwin Hickory ElementaryNuckols Farm ElementaryRivers Edge ElementarySandston Elementary |
| Richmond City  | Open High |
| Surry County  | Surry Elementary |

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| **Region 2: Tidewater** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Newport News City  | General Stanford ElementaryDeer Park Elementary |
| Virginia Beach City  | Bayside ElementaryCorporate Landing ElementaryOld Donation SchoolGreen Run CollegiateRosemont ElementaryKingston ElementaryShelton Park ElementaryChristopher Farms ElementaryMalibu 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 ElementaryJames K. Polk Elementary |
| Arlington County  | Tuckahoe Elementary |
| Fairfax County  | Wolftrap ElementaryThomas Jefferson High for Science and TechnologyForestville Elementary |
| Loudoun County  | Hillsboro Charter AcademyWaterford ElementaryLegacy Elementary  |
| Prince William County  | Bel Air ElementaryMinnieville ElementaryC.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 ElementaryBlue Ridge Elementary |
| Roanoke County  | Burlington ElementaryGreen Valley ElementaryBonsack Elementary |

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| **Region 7: Southwest** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Lee County  | Elk Knob Elementary |
| Russell County  | Belfast Elk Garden ElementaryHonaker Elementary |
| Scott County  | Yuma Elementary |
| Smyth County  | Sugar Grove ElementaryRich 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 ElementaryElmont ElementaryHenry Clay ElementaryPole Green ElementarySouth Anna Elementary |
| Henrico County  | Jackson Davis ElementaryMontrose Elementary |
| New Kent County | New Kent Elementary New Kent Middle |
| Powhatan County | Flat Rock ElementaryPocahontas ElementaryPowhatan ElementaryPowhatan Middle |
| Prince George County | William A. Walton Elementary |
| Richmond City  | Albert Hill MiddleBinford MiddleJohn Marshall HighRichmond Community High |
| Sussex County | Sussex Central Middle |

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| **Region 2: Tidewater** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Accomack County | Pungoteague Elementary |
| Chesapeake City | Butts Road PrimaryEdwin W. Chittum ElementaryGeorge W. Carver IntermediateGrassfield ElementaryGrassfield HighHickory HighHickory MiddleHugo A. Owens MiddleOscar F. Smith HighWestern Branch MiddleWestern Branch Primary |
| Hampton City | Cesar Tarrant MiddleLuther W. Machen Elementary |
| Isle of Wight County | Smithfield High |
| Newport News City  | David A. Dutrow ElementaryDenbigh HighDiscovery STEM AcademyT. Ryland Sanford Elementary |
| Norfolk City  | Academy for Discovery at LakewoodColeman Place ElementaryCrossroads ElementaryLarchmont ElementaryMary Calcott Elementary SchoolSouthside STEM Academy at Campostella St. Helena ElementarySuburban Park ElementaryWalter Herron Taylor ElementaryWillard Model Elementary |
| Suffolk City | King's Fork High |
| Virginia Beach City  | Alanton ElementaryFrank W. Cox HighGreen Run HighHermitage ElementaryLandstown HighNorth Landing Elementary |
| Williamsburg-James City County | Lafayette High |
| York County  | Bruton HighQueens Lake Middle |

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| **Region 3: Northern Neck** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Colonial Beach | Colonial Beach Elementary |
| Essex County | Essex High |
| Gloucester County | Abingdon ElementaryAchilles ElementaryPetsworth Elementary |
| King and Queen County | Central High |
| Northumberland County  | Northumberland High |
| Spotsylvania County | Courtland ElementaryRobert E. Lee ElementarySpotsylvania HighSpotsylvania Middle |
| Stafford County | Andrew G. Wright MiddleKate Waller Barrett ElementaryRodney E. Thompson MiddleShirley C. Heim Middle |
| Westmoreland County | Washington & Lee High |

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| **Region 4: Northern Virginia** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Alexandria City  | Francis C. Hammond MiddleGeorge Washington Middle |
| Arlington County  | Abingdon ElementaryArlington Community HighArlington Science FocusHoffman-Boston Elementary |
| Clarke County | Clarke County HighJohnson-Williams Middle |
| Fairfax County  | Bailey's Upper Elementary School for the Arts and SciencesBryant HighCentreville HighEdison HighFairfax County Adult HighFrost MiddleHerndon HighHutchison ElementaryJustice HighKilmer CenterKings Park ElementaryLake Braddock SecondaryLondon Towne ElementaryMadison HighMountain View HighStenwood 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 ElementaryLocust Grove ElementaryLocust Grove Middle |
| Page County | Luray ElementarySpringfield Elementary  |
| Prince William County  | Bristow Run ElementaryLeesylvania ElementarySpringwoods Elementary |
| Rappahannock County | Rappahannock County High |

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| **Region 5: Valley** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Albemarle County  | Albemarle County Community Public CharterWestern Albemarle High |
| Amherst County | Amherst County High |
| Augusta County  | Edward G. Clymore ElementaryStuarts Draft High |
| Bath County  | Valley Elementary |
| Buena Vista City | Enderly Heights ElementaryParry McCluer High |
| Campbell County  | William Campbell High |
| Charlottesville City | Charlottesville HighWalker Upper Elementary |
| Harrisonburg City | Harrisonburg HighSpotswood Elementary |
| Highland County | Highland Elementary |
| Louisa County | Louisa County Middle |
| Nelson County | Tye River Elementary |
| Rockingham County  | Broadway HighJohn C. Myers ElementaryMcGaheysville Elementary |
| Waynesboro City | Kate Collins MiddleWestwood Hills Elementary |

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| **Region 6: Western Virginia** |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Botetourt County | Central Academy MiddleEagle Rock ElementaryJames River High |
| Craig County | Craig County High |
| Floyd County | Check ElementaryFloyd County HighFloyd Elementary |
| Henry County | Magna Vista High |
| Martinsville City | Martinsville HighMartinsville Middle |
| Montgomery County  | Christiansburg PrimaryEastern Montgomery Elementary |
| Patrick County  | Hardin Reynolds Elementary |
| Pittsylvania County | Mount Airy ElementaryUnion Hall Elementary |
| Roanoke City | Crystal Spring ElementaryHighland Park ElementaryPatrick Henry HighWestside Elementary |
| Roanoke County  | Glenvar HighHidden Valley HighMountain View ElementaryOak Grove Elementary |

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| **Region 7: Southwest**  |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Bland County | Bland County High |
| Buchanan County | Grundy High |
| Carroll County | Fancy Gap ElementaryHillsville ElementarySt. Paul School  |
| Dickenson County | Clintwood Elementary |
| Galax City | Galax ElementaryGalax High |
| Giles County | Giles HighNarrows High |
| Grayson County | Fairview ElementaryGrayson Highlands |
| Radford City | Belle Heth Elementary |
| Russell County  | Castlewood ElementaryHonaker HighSwords Creek Elementary |

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| **Region 7: Southwest, cont.**  |
| *Division* | *School* |
| Scott County  | Rye Cove HighShoemaker 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 HighJames S. Russell Middle |
| Buckingham County | Buckingham County Elementary |
| Cumberland County | Cumberland High |
| Greensville County | Greensville County High |