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Mrs. Valerie Babb
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Dear Mrs. Babb:

I am pleased to congratulate Yuma Elementary School for being selected to receive the 2014 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award. A certificate is enclosed in recognition of your school's achievement.

A school receives this distinguished award for being *Fully Accredited,* for not being required to write a plan for improvement under the *ESEA Flexibility Waiver,* and for making significant progress toward educational goals established by the Board of Education and the governor. In addition, the school must earn 75 VIP points (including bonus points) in each content area. Detailed information about the Virginia Index of Performance Awards and criteria are available online at this link:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/va_index_performance_awards/index.shtml.

The Virginia Department of Education values your school's exemplary accomplishments and expertise. Your continued dedication to students is greatly appreciated. I extend best wishes for continued success for the 2013-2014 school year.

Sincerely,

Patricia I. Wright

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Enclosure
c: Mr. John Ferguson

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Governor McAuliffe & Board of Education Announce 2014 Virginia Index of Performance Awards

Awards Recognize High-Achieving Schools & Divisions

Governor Terry McAuliffe and the Board of Education announced today that 212 schools and four school divisions earned 2014 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced learning and achievement. The VIP incentive program recognizes schools and divisions that exceed minimum state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals established by the governor and the board.

"I am pleased to congratulate Virginia's teachers, principals, superintendents and other educators whose commitment to innovation and excellence have made the Commonwealth's schools leaders among our economic competitors," McAuliffe said. "The educators and support staff in these award-winning schools — and in all of our public schools — have dedicated their careers to building brighter futures for our young people and providing pathways for success in a 21st Century economy. I look forward to visiting as many of these schools as possible and celebrating their accomplishments."

The schools and school divisions earning 2014 VIP awards — which are based on student achievement and other performance indicators during 2012-2013 — include:

- Five schools that earned the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence;
- One school division and 71 schools that earned the Board of Education Excellence Award; and
- Three school divisions and 136 schools that earned the Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award.

2014 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence

Five schools — Carson Middle, Longfellow Middle and Rocky Run Middle in Fairfax County; Short Pump Middle in Henrico County; and Kemps Landing Magnet in Virginia Beach — earned the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, the highest VIP award. Kemps Landing Magnet has won the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence every year since the VIP program began in 2008. This year's award was Rocky Run Middle's fifth consecutive Governor's Award.

"Schools and divisions that earn the Governor's Award for Education Excellence promote the well-being — as well as the academic achievement — of every student," Secretary of Education Anne Holton said.

To earn the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, schools and school divisions must meet all state and federal achievement benchmarks and achieve all applicable excellence goals for elementary reading, enrollment in Algebra I by the eighth grade, enrollment in college-level courses, high school graduation, attainment of advanced diplomas, increased attainment of career and industry certifications, and, if applicable, participation in the Virginia Preschool Initiative. Schools and school divisions earn bonus points for other performance measures, including the Governor's Nutrition and Physical Activity Scorecard.

"Virginia's accountability system includes recognitions for academic excellence and progress," Board of Education President Chris Braunlich said. "The achievement of the educators and students in these award-winning schools is especially noteworthy given the increased rigor of the commonwealth's academic standards and assessments."

The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards are as follows:

- Albemarle County — Virginia L. Murray Elementary
- Arlington County — Arlington Science Focus School, Arlington Traditional, Ashlawn Elementary, Jamestown Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Nottingham Elementary, Taylor Elementary, Tuckahoe Elementary and Williamsburg Middle
- Chesapeake — Grassfield High
- Chesterfield County — Bettie Weaver Elementary, Greenfield Elementary, Midlothian Middle, Robious Elementary, W.W. Gordon Elementary and Winterpock Elementary
- Fairfax County — Archer Elementary, Canterbury Woods Elementary, Chesterbrook Elementary, Churchill Road Elementary, Colvin Run Elementary, Cooper Middle, Floris Elementary, Frost Middle, Greenbriar West Elementary, Haycock Elementary, Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, Keene Mill Elementary, Kilmer Middle, Langley High, Madison High, Oak Hill Elementary, Oakton Elementary, Sangster Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Thomas Jefferson High, Thoreau Middle and Wolftrap Elementary
- Falls Church — George Mason High, Mount Daniel School and Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Hampton — Armstrong Elementary
- Henrico County — Glen Allen Elementary, Holman Middle, Mills E. Godwin High, Nuckols Farm Elementary, Pocahontas Middle, Rivers Edge Elementary, Shady Grove Elementary, Short Pump Elementary, Tuckahoe Elementary and Twin Hickory Elementary
- Loudoun County — Emerick Elementary and Round Hill Elementary
- Montgomery County — Gilbert Linkous Elementary, Harding Avenue Elementary and Kipps Elementary
- Prince William County — Cedar Point Elementary, J.W. Alvey Elementary, Mary G. Porter Traditional, T. Clay Wood Elementary and Thurgood Marshall Elementary
- Roanoke — Crystal Spring Elementary
- Roanoke County — Cave Spring High and Hidden Valley Middle
- Stafford County — Garrisonville Elementary
- Virginia Beach — John B. Dey Elementary, North Landing Elementary and Old Donation Center
- West Point — West Point High

2014 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Awards

The Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award was earned by three divisions — Poquoson, Lexington and West Point — and 136 schools that met all state and federal benchmarks and made progress toward the goals of the governor and the board.

The schools receiving Distinguished Achievement awards are as follows:

- Albemarle County — Joseph T. Henley Middle, Meriwether Lewis Elementary and Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle
- Arlington County — Long Branch Elementary, Swanson Middle and Yorktown High
- Augusta County — Riverheads High
- Botetourt County — Breckinridge Elementary
- Charlottesville — Burnley-Moran Elementary, Greenbrier Elementary and Venable Elementary
- Chesapeake City — Butts Road Intermediate, Butts Road Primary, Great Bridge Intermediate Great Bridge Middle, Great Bridge Primary and Southeastern Elementary,
- Chesterfield County — Cosby High, Enon Elementary, Grange Hall Elementary, Midlothian High and Woolridge Elementary
- Danville — Galileo Magnet High
- Fairfax County — Fairfax Villa Elementary, Flint Hill Elementary, Forestville Elementary, Franklin Middle, Great Falls Elementary, Hunt Valley Elementary, Irving Middle, Kent Gardens Elementary, Lake Braddock Secondary, Mantua Elementary, McLean High, Mosby Woods Elementary, Oakton High, Poplar Tree Elementary, Robinson Secondary, Sherman Elementary, South County High, Springfield Estates Elementary, Stratford Landing Elementary, Vienna Elementary, Wakefield Forest Elementary, West Springfield Elementary,

West Springfield High, Westbriar Elementary, White Oaks Elementary, Willow Springs Elementary and Woodson High

- Fauquier County — C. Hunter Ritchie Elementary
- Gloucester County— Bethel Elementary
- Goochland County — Randolph Elementary
- Hanover County — Chickahominy Middle, Cool Spring Elementary, Kersey Creek Elementary, Pearson's Corner Elementary, Pole Green Elementary, South Anna Elementary and Washington-Henry Elementary
- Henrico County — Colonial Trail Elementary, Echo Lake Elementary, Gayton Elementary, Glen Allen High, Pemberton Elementary, Springfield Park Elementary and Three Chopt Elementary
- Henry County — Rich Acres Elementary
- Lexington — Lylburn Downing Middle
- Loudoun County — Ashburn Elementary, Belmont Ridge Middle, Belmont Station Elementary, Blue Ridge Middle, Briar Woods High, Eagle Ridge Middle, Farmwell Station Middle, J. Michael Lunsford Middle, Kenneth W.Culbert Elementary, Legacy Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Little River Elementary, Loudoun Valley High, Lowes Island Elementary, Lucketts Elementary, Newton-Lee Elementary, Pinebrook Elementary, Rosa Lee Carter Elementary, Sanders Corner Elementary and Stone Hill Middle
- Newport News — Deer Park Elementary
- Norfolk — Larchmont Elementary
- Pittsylvania County — Tunstall High
- Poquoson — Poquoson High
- Prince George County — L.L. Beazley Elementary
- Prince William County — A. Henderson Elementary, Bristow Run Elementary, Buckland Mills Elementary, Gainesville Middle, Louise A. Benton Middle, Mountain View Elementary, Old Bridge Elementary, Pennington School, Piney Branch Elementary and Victory Elementary
- Richmond — Richmond Community High
- Roanoke County — Cave Spring Elementary, Cave Spring Middle, Clearbrook Elementary, Fort Lewis Elementary, Glenvar Middle, Hidden Valley High, Oak Grove Elementary and Penn Forest Elementary
- Rockingham County — East Rockingham High and Peak View Elementary
- Salem — South Salem Elementary
- Scott County — Yuma Elementary
- Stafford County — Colonial Forge High and Rodney E. Thompson Middle
- Virginia Beach — Great Neck Middle, Hermitage Elementary, Kingston Elementary, New Castle Elementary, Princess Anne Elementary, Red Mill Elementary, Thoroughgood Elementary and Trantwood Elementary
- Washington County — High Point Elementary
- Williamsburg-James City County — Lois Hornsby Middle, Matoaka Elementary and Matthew Whaley Elementary
- Wise County — Eastside High
- York County — Coventry Elementary, Mount Vernon Elementary and Tabb Middle

"I congratulate the superintendents, principals, teachers and other educators in all of the divisions and schools that earned VIP awards this year," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright, who proposed the awards program in 2007 as a means of rewarding high-achieving schools and divisions. "These educators — and thousands of others in schools across this commonwealth — dedicate every day to challenging students and helping them to achieve their goals."

More information about the VIP incentive program for schools and school divisions is available on the VDOE website: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics_reports/va_index_performance_awards/index.shtml

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