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Mr. John I. Ferguson
Division Superintendent
Scott County Public Schools
340 E. Jackson Street
Gate City, Virginia 24251

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I am pleased to acknowledge the contributions to education Scott County Public Schools has made and to congratulate Yuma Elementary School for being selected to receive the 2015 Title I Distinguished School Award. This recognition is based on student achievement during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. Enclosed please find a certificate for Yuma Elementary School in recognition of achievement as a Title I Distinguished School.

A school receives this distinguished award for achieving a mean score at the 60th percentile for both English and mathematics; for meeting full accreditation for a minimum of two consecutive years; and for meeting or exceeding the federal accountability benchmark targets for all students and for each subgroup for the current year and for the previous year. High schools must also meet or exceed the Federal Graduation Indicator target for all students and in each of the three gap groups in the current and previous year.

The Virginia Department of Education values your division's exemplary accomplishments and expertise. Your continued dedication to students throughout your division is greatly appreciated. I extend best wishes for continued success for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Staples

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Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Valerie Babb, Principal, Yuma Elementary School

2015

Distinguished Title I School

The Virginia Board of Education proudly recognizes

Yuma Elementary School

Scott County Public Schools

for meeting all state and federal accountability requirements for two consecutive years and for achieving average reading and mathematics pass rates at the 60th percentile or higher.

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