

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION {    }                      ACTION { X }                      CLOSED MEETING {    }

**SUBJECT:**                      **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION**

**BCHS - Community Service Requirements**

**BACKGROUND:**                      **Mrs. Rowe and Ms. Hiner will present a presentation explaining the proposal to add Community Service Requirements to the BCHS 2012-2013 Program of Studies.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**                      **Recommend approval that the Community Service Requirements be incorporated into the BCHS 2012-2013 Program of Studies.**



**Bath County High School**

# Community Service Proposal



# Introduction

- Bath County High School

- *The mission of Bath County High School is to provide a nurturing, accepting environment that recognizes individual qualities and needs and enables students to become self-directed, lifelong learners.*



# Bullying & Community Service

## ■ Bullying

- Rachel's Challenge – Friends of Rachel
- Lessons Learned

## ■ Community Service

- Incorporate community service hours into high school graduation rigor
- Utilize high school students to teach elementary students



# Problem Statement

- Bullying has been identified as an ongoing problem.
- Three out of four students have reported they have been bullied.
- Everyone plays a role in allowing bullying to continue.



# Community Service Proposal

- Incorporate a 10 hour per year service requirement into the graduation rigor.
- Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities.



# Key Benefits

- Safety for all students.
- Increased motivation to learn.
- Raise self-efficacy.
- Civic engagement and pride.
- Positive relationships
- Decrease drop-out rates.



# Types of Activities

- Christmas mother projects.
- Exploratory class projects
- Earth Day projects – Douthat State Park
- Tutoring at VES or MES
- Volunteering at nursing home, hospital, etc.
- Relay for life





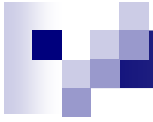
# Evaluation

- Document hours through the Academic and Career Plan.
  - Each student has a career folder in the Guidance office for easy access.
  - Each year as student meets with counselor with regards to the next year's schedule, community service would be logged.
  - For students who complete community service hours provide a special seal for their diploma.



# Other Communities

- No other local school districts are currently formally capturing community service hours.
- Henrico County Public Schools



Questions?