

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- A. Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week, January 24-30, 2016
- B. National School Counseling Week, February 1-5, 2016
- C. Virginia School Board Appreciation Month, February 20
- D. School Board Clerk Appreciation Week, February 15-19, 2016
- E. School Spelling Bee Winners

Millboro (1/27/16) Winner: Tori Graham Runner Up: Hannah Heffler

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Grade 7	Tori Graham	Kaitlin Arnold	Ethan Misiak
Grade 6	Kaitlyn Hall	Vaden Lewis	Dawson Landrum
Grade 5	Hannah Heffler	Mikayla Burke	Caitlin Burke

Valley (1/20/16) Winner: Jackson Blankenship Runner Up: Kalyn Harmon

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Grade 7	Jackson Blankenship	Kalyn Harmon	Colby Lowry
Grade 6	Aoife Bradley	Erica Ratcliffe	Kenzie Hall
Grade 5	Isabelle Farris	Ali Frame	Megan Hoover

BCHS (1/15/16)

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Grade 8	Katherine Dupoise	Justin Gentry	Nathan Phenegar

The Division Spelling Bee will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 6:30 PM, at Bath County High School.

- F. BCBS Robotics Team (The team will provide a brief demonstration.)
The BCBS Robotics Team competed in the First Tech Challenge at Orange County High School, Saturday, January 16, 2016. They ranked 16th out of 22 schools. (See attached memo.)
- G. BCBS Scholastic Bowl
The BCBS Scholastic Bowl team competed at the district meet on January 13, 2016 and won all three matches against Craig County, James River, and Parry McClure. They now advance to the conference tournament on January 26, 2016 at Auburn High School.



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, school principals work cooperatively to direct, develop, and inspire all members of the school staff and student body, and to communicate effectively with parents to engage them in the learning process; and

WHEREAS, principals serve as educational leaders, responsible for managing the policies, regulations, and procedures necessary to ensure a safe and effective learning environment for all students in Virginia's public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, principals and teachers are entrusted with the opportunity and the responsibility of guiding, directing, nurturing, mentoring, and imparting knowledge to our children while they are at school; and

WHEREAS, principals must work collaboratively with teachers, staff students, parents, and the community-at-large to proactively prepare students to be self-reliant and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week is an opportunity to recognize the hard work of Virginia school principals and to recognize the importance of principals in ensuring that every child has access to a quality education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize January 24-30, 2016, as **VIRGINIA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

WHEREAS, comprehensive school counseling programs are an integral part of the education process and student success; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work together with parents and guardians to focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of students; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are primary partners in state and local efforts to improve the academic achievement of all students and reduce dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is dedicated to ensuring that all students have the resources necessary to succeed in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, National School Counseling Week is an opportunity to recognize the work of school counselors across the Commonwealth and the United States for their continuing commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *School Counseling: The Recipe for Success*, is intended to garner public attention to the unique contribution of professional counselors within our school system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize February 1–5, 2016, as **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, and productive contributors to a democratic and ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners, and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to make our educational vision a reality for our students; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and vice versa;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize February 2016 as **SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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RESOLUTION
VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION
MONTH 2016

Turning Vision Into Results

WHEREAS, the Education of Virginia's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

WHEREAS, locally elected and appointed school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Virginia's public schools; and

WHEREAS, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national and global 21st Century knowledge economy; and

WHEREAS, local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme *Turning Vision into Results* reflects the top priority of local school board members as they advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders; and

WHEREAS, School Board Appreciation Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of Virginians who champion the mission of public education and school board members; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Virginia School Boards Association recognizes the contributions of the state's local school boards to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincerest recognition to local board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; and be it finally

RESOLVED, the Virginian School Boards Association declares February 2016 as School Board Member Appreciation Month and encourages local school divisions and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated school board members.

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF
SCHOOL BOARD CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK
APPRECIATION WEEK
FEBRUARY 15-19, 2016**

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks in each locality throughout our great Commonwealth are appointed by law to fulfill their duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks are responsible for keeping accurate records of the meetings and proceedings of the school board, a record of all receipts and disbursements, and a record of all official acts; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks perform such other duties in connection with the school business of his/her county or city as may be required by the school board; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks maintain frequent contact with the public, including parents, employees and the media, on behalf of the school board and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks, in the performance of their duties, are often required to work extra hours attending school board meetings; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks join with school boards to help ensure that students achieve to their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks/deputy clerks provide an invaluable service for school board members and superintendents, the VSBA Board of Directors does hereby recognize the third week of February as School Board Clerk/Deputy Clerk Appreciation Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the Bath County School Board joins the VSBA in recognizing the many and varied contributions of school board clerks/deputy clerks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at its meeting on the 2nd day of February, the Bath County School Board also recognizes the third week of February as School Board Clerk/Deputy Clerks Appreciation Week.

Adopted: February 2, 2016

Chairman, Bath County School Board

Vice-Chairman, Bath County School Board



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“The Best Small High School in Virginia”

TO: Sue Hirsh, Superintendent
BCPS

FROM: Sarah Rowe, Principal
BCHS

DATE: January 18, 2016

RE: Good News

Bath County High School 8th grade Spelling Bee

The BCHS Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 15, 2016. We would like to congratulate the following BCHS winners:

1st place: Katherine Dupoise
2nd place: Justin Gentry
3rd place: Nathan Phenegar

All three will be advancing to the Bath County Public Schools District Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Bath County High School Auditorium. A snow date has been set for Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

The BCHS Robotics Team

The BCHS Robotics Team competed in the First Tech Challenge at Orange County High School on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The students have used math, engineering design principles, and programming skills to put together a competitive robot. They lost in the fifth match but ended up ranking 16th of 22 schools: which is impressive for a group made of mostly eighth graders from a school of only 250 students competing against schools with over a 1,000 students.

Emmanuel Ashie, was definitely the MVP of the Day. Our team went with a robot that did not work and he was essential in getting the robot to work. He is going to school to study computer science and will be coming back next year in a mentor role to the team. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Jane Burke and the Normandy Group for continued funding.

Out with the Old and in with the New!

The BCHS gym has 28 new chairs for the home and visiting teams. Our athletes will now sit in style thanks to the Bath County High Athletics Booster Club.

BCHS Scholastic Bowl

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