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Mrs. Allison Hicklin  
Principal  
Millboro Elementary School  
411 Church Street  
Millboro, Virginia 24460

Dear Mrs. Hicklin:

I am pleased to congratulate Millboro Elementary School for being selected to receive the 2016 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Excellence 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 80 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](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 2015-2016 school year.

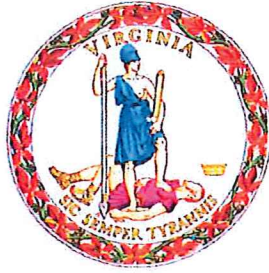
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.R. Staples", written over a horizontal line.

Steven R. Staples

*Congratulations!*

SRS/BWR/sf  
Enclosure  
c: Mrs. Sue F. Hirsh



Virginia Board of Education

# Excellence Award

Presented in 2016 to

## Millboro Elementary School Bath County Public Schools

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education established the Virginia Index of Performance to provide incentives and recognition for public schools and school divisions that exceed the minimum requirements for learning and achievement of the Commonwealth's rigorous Standards of Learning program; and*

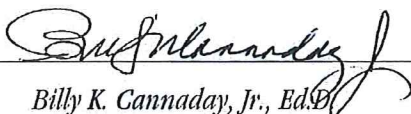
*WHEREAS, the Virginia Index of Performance measures the progress of students toward advanced proficiency and excellence in reading, mathematics, science, and history and social science, and on other indicators of student and school performance, and recognizes schools and school divisions for academic excellence; and*

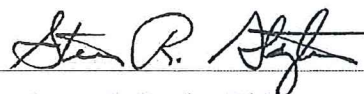
*WHEREAS, to qualify for recognition under this program, achievement of the students in a school or school division must exceed the Commonwealth's accreditation standards and the minimum federal accountability requirements; and*

*WHEREAS, recognition also requires a pursuit of academic excellence resulting in a significant percentage of students demonstrating advanced proficiency across the curriculum; and*

*WHEREAS, to qualify for recognition, schools and school divisions also must expand opportunities for learning and achievement as evidenced by progress on multiple indicators of school and student performance;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education recognizes the achievement of these objectives by awarding this 2016 Board of Education Excellence Award.*

  
Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., Ed.D.  
President

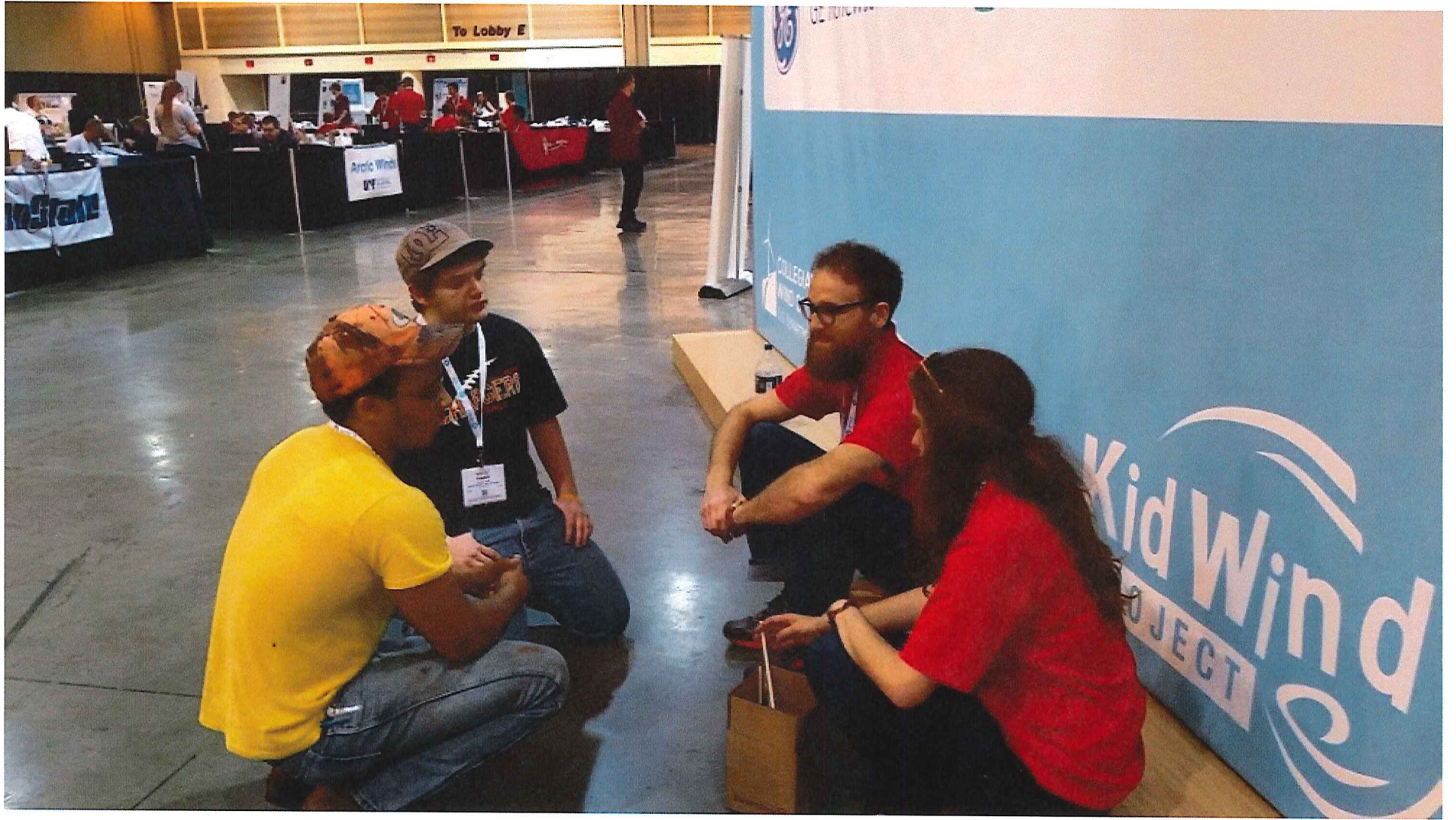
  
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## **KidWind National Championship New Orleans**

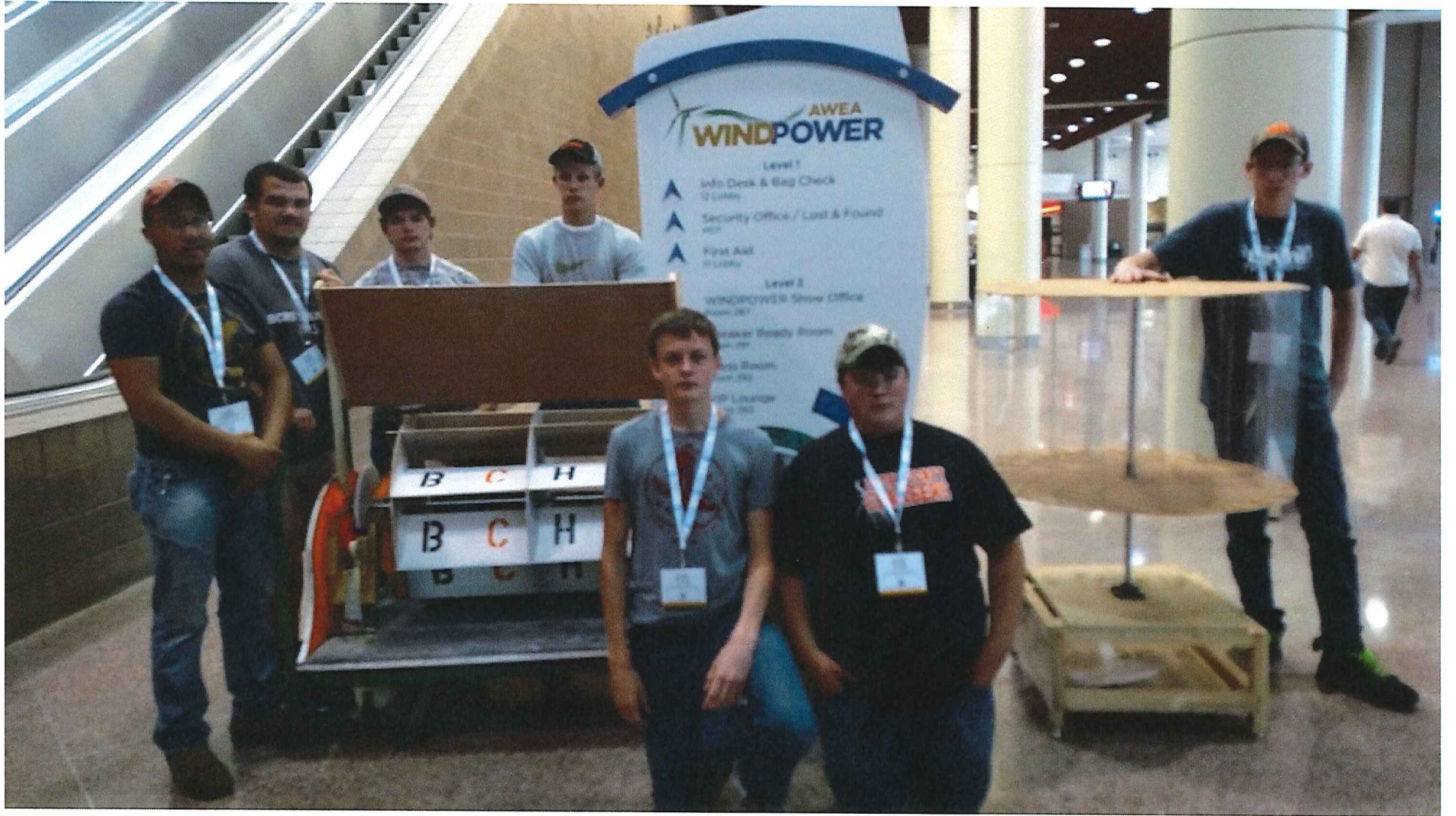
We made it down to New Orleans to participate in the National Championships. Our students did us proud. While we did not bring home any trophies, I heard nothing but good about our students from everyone I talked to. Our designs impressed a lot of people. Other teams came by our table to look at our turbines and ask questions. We teamed up with University of Wisconsin Madison students to compete against other teams in an instant challenge and finished third out of 12 teams comprised of two college students and two high school students. We helped a middle school team that was having difficulties. The American Wind Energy Association convention is the largest of its type in the world. We have been invited to show our work at the AWEA Virginia Forum at JMU on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our students got to meet many from the industry and explore future career paths with these people. Because of the generosity of the BCPS community we were able to raise all of the funds that we needed for this trip. As coaches, Mr. Altizer, Mr. Grubbs, and Mr. Ozols feel that this will likely be a life changing experience for some of the students. More than that, it shows the rest of the country what Bath County schools and students are capable of. We brought home a lot of ideas from the college teams- the next higher level of competition- and are looking forwards to incorporating those ideas in our next iteration of wind turbines. There will be a KidWind competition at DSLCC next spring, in part because of all the hard work that our students have put into their turbines the past two years. Moving from Virginia Tech to Virginia Beach and now to our local area is a huge plus for us.

Ed Ozols









**AWEA WINDPOWER**

Level 1

- Info Desk & Bag Check  
12 Lobby
- Security Office / Lost & Found  
1011
- First Aid  
11 Lobby

Level 2

- WINDPOWER Show Office  
Room 207
- Exhibitor Ready Room  
Room 207
- Press Booth  
Room 200
- VIP Lounge  
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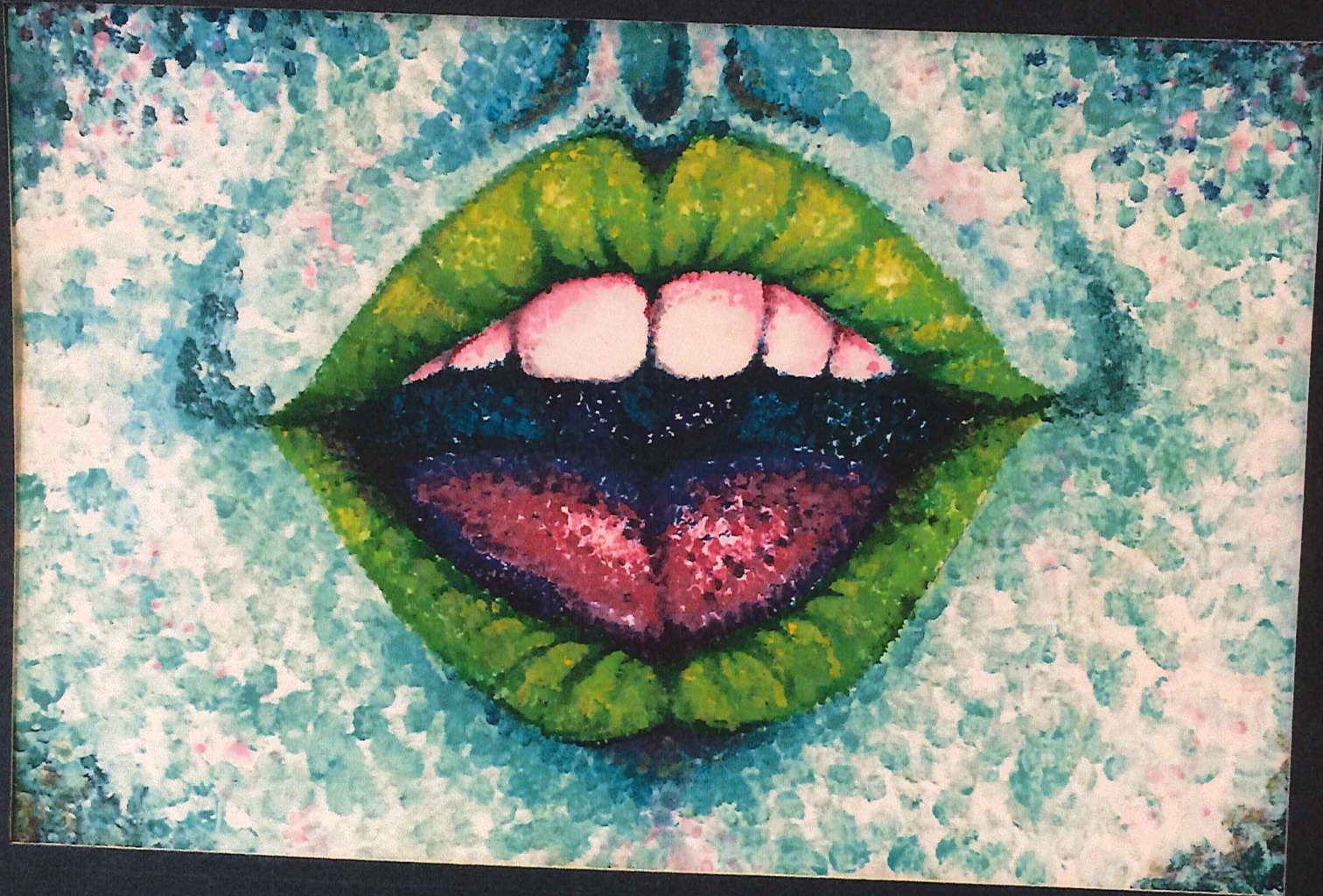












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