

Message from...

Spotsylvania County School Board

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“The greatest gift any community can give its children is the opportunity to receive a quality education. The list below contains only a few of the many accomplishments achieved by the school division in its effort to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment. We are proud to serve as Board members and encourage parents to be very involved in their child’s education. **With your continued support, our students WILL MEET the challenges of the 21st century, despite financial constraints.”**

- Achieved state accreditation for all schools
- Received “District Accreditation”, the top rating from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Achieved a continual three year gain in all SOL tested areas
- Completed the 2008-2014 Strategic Plan which involved community, parent, and employee representation; approved by the School Board in August 2008
- Recognized growth in Advanced Placement (AP) enrollment by 10% over two years
- Celebrated 16 additional National Board Certified Teachers - total now 35
- Hired all employees who were on a “call back” list through attrition and federal stimulus funding
- Implemented a Retirement Opportunity Program (ROP) that will result in a more effective succession management plan while generating cost savings starting in 2009-2010
- Worked with a Task Force to review and update policies related to student meal accounts
- Offered the E-Credit Recovery Program and AVENTA online courses at the John J. Wright Educational and Cultural Center which provides students with additional course options
- Implemented PASS in all schools which provides parents with current information on grades, absences, etc.; currently maintaining over 12,681 active accounts
- Opened Gateway Academy to serve the unique needs of selected autistic children
- Concluded an audit of the Special Education Department and implemented recommendations which saved over \$1M
- Opened the John J. Wright Educational and Cultural Center, Cedar Forest Elementary, and began construction of the Maintenance facility
- Redesigned summer school programs to improve focus on remediation and expand enrichment offerings
- Opened the Joint Fleet Transportation Facility with the County to service school and county vehicles
- Developed the FY10 budget by working with the Budget Review Committee, which included community members, parents, and employees
- Added SMART Boards to classrooms - over 70% now have SMART Boards
- Implemented division-wide high speed fiber optic wide-area network to improve instructional services
- Finalized the installation of GPS to track the location of all buses for safety and efficiency

...preparing all students to excel in a dynamic global society.