



## **VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH**

### **February 2023**

**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 constitutional republic, 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 – Rising to the Challenge - reflects the leadership of local school board members as they serve their local divisions and advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders on behalf of all students; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Appreciation Month provides an opportunity to celebrate Virginia's school board members who champion the mission of public education; now, therefore be it

**NOW, THEREFORE**, 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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Virginia School Boards Association declares February 2023 as **School Board Appreciation Month** and encourages local school divisions and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated school board members.