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State Superintendent Offers SOL Flexibility to 100 Schools *Schools Eligible for Full Accreditation for Three Years*

Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright is offering three-year waivers from annual accreditation to 100 high-performing schools in 20 divisions. The schools qualified for the flexibility by achieving pass rates of 95 percent or higher in all four tested Standards of Learning (SOL) content areas for two consecutive years. Division superintendents have until July 1, 2012, to apply for the flexibility. Each school awarded a waiver will remain fully accredited through 2014-2015.

“I congratulate the principals, teachers and students of these schools for performance and achievement that consistently exceeds the commonwealth’s accreditation standards,” Wright said. “These schools have earned an opportunity to set aside concerns about annual accreditation for three years and lead the way in developing innovative instructional strategies and lesson plans that immerse students in the content of Virginia’s rigorous new standards in mathematics, English, science and history and prepare them for success on the corresponding assessments.”

The 100 schools qualify for waivers having achieved pass rates in English, mathematics, history/social science and science of 95 percent or greater during 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 (results for state tests administered during 2011-2012 won’t be available until later this summer). Seventy-one of the schools are eligible for first-time waivers.

- Albemarle County — Virginia L. Murray Elementary
- Alexandria — George Mason Elementary
- Arlington County — Arlington Science Focus, Arlington Traditional, McKinley Elementary, Taylor Elementary and Tuckahoe Elementary
- Charlottesville — Greenbrier Elementary
- Fairfax County — Archer Elementary, Carson Middle, Chesterbrook Elementary, Churchill Road Elementary, Colvin Run Elementary, Cooper Middle, Fairfax Villa Elementary, Flint Hill Elementary, Floris Elementary, Fox Mill Elementary, Franklin Middle, Frost Middle, Great Falls Elementary, Greenbriar West Elementary, Haycock Elementary, Hunters Woods Elementary for the Arts and Sciences, Irving Middle, Kilmer Middle, Langley High, Longfellow Middle, Madison High, Mantua Elementary, McLean High, Mosby Woods Elementary, Navy Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Oakton High, Rocky Run Middle, Spring Hill Elementary, Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology, Thoreau Middle, Union Mill Elementary, Westbriar Elementary, Westgate Elementary, Willow Springs Elementary, Wolftrap Elementary and Woodson High
- Henrico County — Colonial Trail Elementary, Deep Run High, Echo Lake Elementary, Gayton Elementary, Nuckols Farm Elementary, Rivers Edge Elementary, Shady Grove Elementary, Short Pump Elementary, Springfield Park Elementary, Tuckahoe Elementary and Twin Hickory Elementary
- Loudoun County — Belmont Station Elementary, Leesburg Elementary, Lucketts Elementary and Round Hill Elementary
- Poquoson — Poquoson High

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- Roanoke County — Bonsack Elementary, Green Valley Elementary and Penn Forest Elementary
- Stafford County — Garrisonville Elementary
- Virginia Beach — John B. Dey Elementary, Kemps Landing Magnet, Old Donation Center, Red Mill Elementary, and Thoroughgood Elementary
- Washington County — Watauga Elementary

Twenty-nine of the eligible schools were also granted waivers last year. These schools are:

- Chesapeake — Butts Road Intermediate, Butts Road Primary and Grassfield High
- Chesterfield County — Bettie Weaver Elementary, Cosby High, Evergreen Elementary, Grange Hall Elementary, Robious Elementary, Swift Creek Elementary and Winterpock Elementary
- Franklin County — Burnt Chimney Elementary and Glade Hill Elementary
- Hanover County — Cool Spring Elementary, Kersey Creek Elementary, Pearson's Corner Elementary, and Pole Green Elementary
- Loudoun County — Lincoln Elementary, Lowes Island Elementary, Pinebrook Elementary and Sanders Corner Elementary
- Prince William County — Mary G. Porter Traditional and Mountain View Elementary
- Richmond — Open High and Richmond Community High
- Roanoke County — Cave Spring Elementary, Cave Spring High and Clearbrook Elementary
- West Point — West Point High
- Williamsburg-James City County — Matoaka Elementary

Twenty-five schools granted waivers last year but not eligible this year will remain fully accredited through 2013-2014.

The Board of Education in 2006 authorized waivers from annual accreditation for high-performing schools. Schools granted waivers continue to administer SOL tests and detailed grade-by-grade and subject-by-subject results are reported to parents and the public.

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