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Tazewell County School Board Member David Woodard Receives VSBA Advocate for Education Award

November 19, 2021 – Tazewell County School Board member David Woodard was presented with the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Advocate for Education Award at the closing session of the VSBA Annual Convention earlier today. This award recognizes school board members who have demonstrated significant and outstanding leadership, commitment, and contribution to public education that has had an impact on their region and the Commonwealth, and who have shown active involvement in local, state, and federal advocacy on behalf of their division, VSBA, and public education. This is the

seventh year the award has been presented. The award was sponsored by ABM.

Ms. Irene Mullins, Chair of the Tazewell County School Board, said, "David is a tremendous asset to our school board and county. He has put Tazewell County on the map through his advocacy for children, the school division, and the community. His efforts have made our division and community a better place for students and their families."

Throughout his 13.5 years serving on the Tazewell County School Board, David has assumed many leadership positions including chair and vice-chair and has worked collaboratively with his fellow board members and members of the community to endorse and enact policies that have promoted success in our school system. David has worked tirelessly to advance our system to ensure our students are properly trained to continue their education at a higher level or to enter the workforce immediately following their secondary school career. David has promoted career and technical education for our students. He has also partnered with our local community college and board of supervisors to both enhance and fund programs.

David has also sought out leadership roles on the state level and has participated on various boards which include the VSBA Legislative Positions Committee, VSBA Board of Directors as a Regional Chair and Committee Chair, VSBA Finance/Audit Committee, VSBA Grass Roots Advocacy Team, VSBA Executive Committee, VDOE Student Support and Conduct Committee, VDOE Principal & Superintendent Performance Evaluation System Work Group, and the VSBA Task Force on Students and Schools in Challenging Environment.

About the Virginia School Boards Association

The Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promotes excellence in public education through advocacy, training, and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth's educational leaders.

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