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Dr. JoWanda Rollins-Fells of Caroline County Elected as VSBA President, New Board of Directors Announced



Dr. JoWanda Rollins-Fells
Caroline County Public School

Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) is proud to announce that Dr. JoWanda Rollins-Fells of the Caroline County School Board has been elected as the new VSBA President. Her election marks a moment of excitement and commitment to furthering education across the Commonwealth. Dr. Rollins-Fells was formally named President at the association’s annual convention held in Williamsburg, VA, November 20-22, 2024.

With eight years of dedicated service on the Caroline County School Board and a wealth of experience in state-level leadership roles, Dr. Rollins-Fells brings a dynamic vision to VSBA. Her involvement includes serving as the VSBA Representative for the Virginia High School League, VSBA Eastern Region Chair, and VSBA Representative for the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time.

“I am truly honored to serve as the VSBA President, representing school board members who are unwavering champions for Virginia’s students,” Dr. Rollins-Fells said. “Together, we will advocate for student success, empower educators, and create inclusive, supportive learning environments. I look forward to driving positive change and ensuring that every child in Virginia has the resources and support they need to thrive.”

Joining Dr. Rollins-Fells on the newly elected Board of Directors are President-Elect Jennifer Nichols from Washington County, along with Diana Williams of Waynesboro City and Teresa Ellison of Buena Vista City as members-at-large. Immediate Past President Dr. Cardell Patillo of Portsmouth City will continue his service on the board.

President Rollins-Fells has appointed an impressive lineup of leaders for VSBA’s key committees. Joseph Kilgore of Hampton City will chair the Finance/Audit Committee, while Chris Johnson of Prince George County takes the helm of the Legislative Positions/Federal Relations Committee. Their leadership will help guide VSBA’s priorities and initiatives over the coming year.

New Regional Chairs for 2024-2025 bring fresh perspectives from all corners of the state: Jacob Wright of Alleghany Highlands – Blue Ridge Region, Graham Paige of Albemarle County – Central Region, Veda Frazier of King William County – Eastern Region, Jacinta Greene of Alexandria City – Northeastern Region, Lucy Carson of Prince Edward County – Southern Region, Hal Miles of Petersburg City – Southside Region, Wesley Hicks of Dickenson County – Southwest Region, James Richardson of York County – Tidewater Region, and Megan Gordon of Page County – Valley Region.

With a passionate and dedicated Board of Directors, VSBA is ready to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead for public education in Virginia.

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