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School Board Meeting  
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# Good News Report

Communications & Community Engagement

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# **S T A R Start Today And Rise Support Leadership Program**

- ★ **Provide opportunities for Support staff to grow professionally**
- ★ **Professional learning to show career pathways for support personnel**
- ★ **Grow our own future leaders**
- ★ **Bridge Career and Technical Education, adult learning, and collaboration across all support departments**
- ★ **Core skills needed and required of today's future leaders**



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# Cohort #1

- ★ **19 Applicants along with 18 mentors**
- ★ **Application process with recommendations and approved mentor**
- ★ **Expectations – 2 years, 4 professional learning books on topics such as laws of leadership, habits of highly effective people, difficult conversations, diversity in the workplace, policies of SPS, Fair Labor Standards Act, perfecting customer service, communication skills, evaluation process, and interviewing skills.**



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# Cohort #1

- ★ **Met at least twice monthly with their mentors**
- ★ **Quarterly after hours meetings on topics read and discussion with SPS professionals**
- ★ **Earning 5 points advantage on their next SPS interview**
- ★ **We would like to thank:**
  - **Mr. Waller, School Board Attorney**
  - **Departments of Human Resources and Finance/Purchasing**
  - **Mentors who gave of their time to encourage and support to this group**



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# STEMming the Future: Cross-Curricular Data Science for K-12 Educators

- Dr. Katelyn Leitner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction & Kelly Greening, Coordinator of Math & Science Instruction presented during a session at the VASCD (Virginia Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development) Conference.



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# VDOE Announces 472 VA Schools Receive \$12 Million in School Security Grants: CES, MBJES & NSES awarded \$218,000



- Replacement of Intercom Systems at: NSES & MBJES
- Addition of Exterior Speakers at: CES



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# United Way of South Hampton Roads: Reading Under the Lights

- An initiative to support reading and literacy in our schools during November and December.
- Sierrah Chavis, author of *Dance of Colors: Caribbean Rhythms and Family Traditions*



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# Suffolk Hallway Elementary Art Display at the ODU Tri-Cities Center

- Art students display their work in at the Old Dominion University Tri-Cities Center



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# Lakeland High School Art Students Paint Newspaper Boxes for the Suffolk News-Herald

- Community/School Partnership to refurbish newspaper boxes



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# John Yeates Middle School & Florence Bowser Elementary School Achieve 90% or Greater Student Attendance for October



**JYMS (%95.74)**



**FBES (%96.37)**



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# Food & Nutrition Services Host Nourishing Our Neighbors for the Fourth Year in Partnership with the Southeastern VA Food Bank



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# High School Athletic Highlights

## Cheerleading

- NRHS Class 5 All-State Competition Team
  - Quiniya Brown
  - Trae Byrd
  - Taylor Gall
  - Nalyssa Haeffner
- KFHS Class 5 All-State Competition Cheer Team
  - Aliyah Harrell\*
  - Iyani Dozier\*\*
  - Mariah Lee\*\*
  - Constance Brown\*\*



\*All-State First Team

\*\*All-State Second Team



# Nansemond River Warriors Girls Field Hockey Team: Class 5 VHSL State Champions

## Field Hockey

- NRHS Girls Field Hockey State Champions
- NRHS Class 5 All-State Team
  - Jordan White\*
  - Aniya Woods\*
  - Caydence Parker\*
  - Brylee Johnston\*\*
  - Brayden Johnston\*\*
  - Caitlin Outlaw\*\*



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# Nansemond River Warriors Girls Field Hockey Team: Class 5 VHSL State Champions

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- Aniya Woods - 2024 Class 5 Player of the Year
- Alison Dize - 2024 Class 5 Coach of the Year



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# Suffolk School Board Members Farewell



**Dr. Judith Brooks-Buck**



**Mrs. Phyllis Byrum**



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