

Essex County Recognized for Meeting Behavioral Needs of Students

The Virginia Department of Education recognized 25 school divisions last month for their success in implementing the Virginia Tiered System of Supports (VTSS), a systematic approach to meeting the academic, behavioral and social needs of students. The awards were presented on the first day of the department's July 24-25 Classrooms not Courtrooms conference in Richmond. Essex County Public Schools was one of five schools in the state of Virginia to be honored for Distinction in Implementation of Behavioral Interventions.

Implementing VTSS requires systemic change at the division, school and classroom levels. VTSS's evidence-based, system-wide practices provide educators with tools and strategies to address the academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs of students while improving the learning environment and addressing disciplinary issues.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples and Del. Lamont Bagby of Henrico County presented the awards. Governor Terry McAuliffe also personally congratulated representatives of each school division.



(L to R) Dr. Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Tara Roane, Director of Special Education and Student Services; Del. Lamont Bagby, and Dr. Scott Burckbuchler, Division Superintendent

