Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week
January 19 - 25, 2020

WHEREAS, school principals work cooperatively to direct, develop, and inspire all members of the school staff and student body, and to communicate effectively with parents to engage them in the learning process; and
WHEREAS, principals serve as educational leaders, responsible for managing the policies, regulations, and procedures necessary to ensure a safe and effective learning environment for all students in Virginia’s public and private schools; and
WHEREAS, principals and teachers are entrusted with the opportunity and the responsibility of guiding, directing, nurturing, mentoring, and imparting knowledge to our children while they are at school; and
WHEREAS, principals must work collaboratively with teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community at-large to proactively prepare students to be self-reliant and productive citizens; and
WHEREAS, Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week is an opportunity to recognize the hard work of Virginia school principals and to recognize the importance of principals in ensuring that every child has access to a quality education;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize January 19-25, 2020, as VIRGINIA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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2020 Proclamation


The Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals and Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals express their gratitude to Governor Ralph S. Northam for this special recognition of Virginia school leaders.

For 34 consecutive years, VASSP and VAESP have requested this annual proclamation. Beginning with Governor Baliles in 1986, Virginia became the
first state in the nation where principals, through their professional organizations, asked and received a governor's recognition for a special week dedicated to them.

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