

Tell the School Board and the General Assembly that 2% is not Enough!

Today, the General Assembly will meet in a special session that will determine the fate of expanding Medicaid in Virginia. This is important for educators in Virginia Beach as any funding sent to VBCPS from the state, will be given to the employees.



It is important that we remind our school board members that we deserve more than a 2% increase in pay.

A 2% pay increase is disappointing and School Board members Anderson, Riggs, and Holtz stated that any funds dedicated to VBCPS from the General Assembly should be allocated for employee raises. Contact both [House](#)

[of Delegate](#) and [Senate](#) Conferees and tell them to fund public education on April 10. [Continue to e-mail school board members here.](#) I am hopeful we will see a 3% pay increase for employees.

A Win for the VBEA!!!

The VBEA was successful in its efforts to eliminate the mandatory 22 hours of professional development for instructional staff. Thanks to our Educator Roundtable event held in November, our friends on the school board were persuaded to take off the mandatory professional development time for teachers. Thank you VBCPS Administration for understanding the importance of taking something off our plates. Now, employee compensation must be the #1 priority for VBCPS!

Kelly Walker, VBEA President

VBEA Assistant of the Year Celebration!



Hold the Date----May 14, 2018
5:00 pm Kellam High School
See a School Representative for
information



Retiring???

Join us for the VBEA Retirement
Celebration on June 4 at 5pm
RSVP: 4860-0202
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The Voice: Cathy Malley Super Teacher and VBEA Board Member

By Kelly Walker

The VBEA is excited to announce that Cathy Malley, a pre-kindergarten teacher at Arrowhead Elementary will be showcased in the April edition of the VEA Journal.

Dedicated to teaching, Cathy artfully crafted an article that intertwined the art of teaching with the challenges many educators face in the classroom. Her article, "The Case against Crayons" is written in such a way that calls upon us as educators to remember what is important; the students and creativity must be a priority and not standardized testing. A quote from her story "instead, small child, put that crayon box away; You won't need sixty-four colors, just the color gray. "Testing one, two, three" is the only goal" sums it up nicely. Congratulations Cathy!

You may read Cathy's story here:

http://www.veanea.org/assets/document/VA/4_18_VJE_Web.pdf

Upcoming Events

- 4/17** Retiree Meeting VBEA Office 11am
- 4/19** VEA Convention Hampton VA
- 4/24** School Board Meeting Admin Building
- 4/25** VBEA Board Meeting VBEA Office
- 5/9** Member Meeting Princess Anne HS
- 5/14** Assistant of the Year Award Kellam 5pm

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