

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

Last night, the Virginia Beach City Public School Board adopted the budget for the division. Basically, the Superintendent's Estimate of Needs that was presented on February 6 was adopted with a 9-2 vote (Weems and Manning –no).



The budget priorities include: Reducing targeted class size, replacing aging buses and technology, equitable compensation for employees, phase in of full day kindergarten, supporting 1:1, reduce reliance on reversion funds, and contributing PAYGO to the CIP.

What does this mean? The additions of 28 full time positions: 8.6 for elementary, 4.4 for middle and 15 for high. Furthermore, 25 additional staff (12 high school counselors, 10 tech support, and

3 Tech Specialists) will be added. This is a positive step in reducing workload.

**All employees will receive a 2% increase in pay.** For teachers, there will be a new, pay-step instructional scale. The scale will be limited to 30 steps and a .5 pay increase will be added for each year of service. COLA's will be added as funds allow.

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.

*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



### Honor the lives lost in Parkland!

March 14- Wear Orange on this day to  
School!

March 24-Meet at the Macarthur Sq.  
Station at 11:00-March begins  
at 12:00, Nauticus- Wear VBEA  
T- shirt.



## ***The Voice: Alicia Pahl-Cornelius NEA Global Fellow***

*By Kelly Walker*

The VBEA is excited to announce that Alicia Pahl-Cornelius is a 2018 NEA Global Fellow! Alicia joins us from Lassiter Middle School in Jefferson County Kentucky where she taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade science for 6 years. She recently transferred to VBCPS with her husband and daughter and teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade science at Brandon Middle School.

Pahl-Cornelius is “honored and humbled to be chosen as a 2018 National Education Association Foundation Global Learning Fellow. As an educator, I feel it is my duty to expose my students to global issues concerning the environment and help them to be citizens of the world... my goal is to enrich my own global competency so that I can give my students the tools they need to be responsible consumers, voters, and participants in society.”

Alicia will travel to South Africa this summer and we look forward to hearing about her adventure in the fall!

### **Upcoming Events**

- 3/10** Partnership Expo Old Donation 9-11am
- 3/13** School Board meeting, 6pm
- 3/21** VBEA Board Meeting 5pm VBEA
- 3/26** Policy Meeting 5pm VBEA
- 3/27** School Board meeting, 6pm
- 4/2-6** SPRING BREAK!
- 4/11** Member Meeting/AOY/NEA petitions due



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