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- 91.4% on-time graduation rate
- Sunnyside Elementary earned a Distinguished rating
- Midway Elementary and Dinwiddie High School received On Track ratings, with Dinwiddie High School only being 0.8 points from a Distinguished rating
- Dinwiddie Middle School no longer identified as a school in need of federal supports
- Dinwiddie Elementary School achieved a significant 29- percentage point increase in Science pass rates
- Sutherland Elementary School showing increased overall pass rates in Reading and Math
- Southside Elementary School named to the SPSF Leaderboard for Elementary Excellence in Region One for being among the top five schools for English Learner Progress
- Sunnyside Elementary named twice to the SPSF Leaderboard for Elementary Excellence in Region One for being among the top five schools for Reading and Math growth
- Four schools demonstrated gains in overall English pass rates. Four schools demonstrated gains in overall Math pass rates.
- Four schools demonstrated gains in overall Science pass rates.
- Two elementary schools demonstrated gains in overall VA Studies pass rates



Dinwiddie County Public Schools Department of Student Services Secures \$290,000 Telehealth Mental Health Grant to Support Middle and High School Students

Dinwiddie County Public Schools (DCPS) is proud to announce the successful acquisition of a \$290,000 Telehealth Mental Health Grant aimed at expanding access to critical mental health services for students at the high school and middle school levels. This grant, awarded by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, will enhance the district's existing mental health resources, providing students with referred access to telehealth counseling services for those experiencing Tier I and Tier II mental health challenges.

The grant will be used to implement a comprehensive telehealth program that connects students with licensed mental health professionals in real-time through virtual platforms. By leveraging this innovative approach, DCPS aims to break down barriers such as geographical isolation, transportation challenges, and the stigma often associated with in-person counseling, ensuring that students receive timely and confidential support when they need it most.

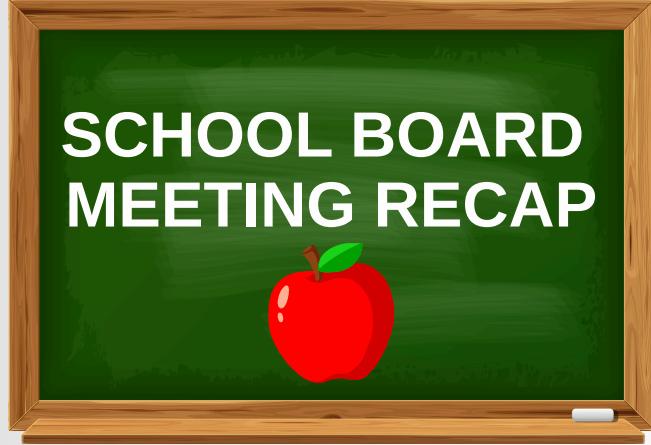
For more information contact Robbie Barnes, Director of Student Services (804) 469-4190.



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CONSENT AGENDA

Expenditure Reports

The [expenditure reports](#) were presented and approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

[November 11, 2025 Minutes](#)

SUPERINTENDENT MATTERS

To access the presentations for this section click [here](#) .

- Maintenance Update
- School Performance and Support Framework
- Rowanty Update
- VSBA Conference Update

BOARD MATTERS

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- TutorEd by University Instructors: ALL-In Tutoring
- Substitute Rate Increase 2026
- New Business

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PRESENTS

WINTER WONDERLAND EDUCATION CAREER EXPO

Monday, February 2, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
14016 Boydton Plank Road | Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Now Hiring:
Elementary Teachers, Middle School Teachers, High School Teachers,
Exceptional Education Teachers & More!

What You'll Experience

✓ Meet Principals & School Leaders	✓ Representatives from iTeach
✓ On-Site Application Support	✓ Representatives from VCU RTR
✓ HR Guidance on Licensure & Benefits	✓ Winter Treats & Giveaways

REGISTER TODAY!
<https://tinyurl.com/DCPSCareerExpo>



Applicants may apply online or view full job listing at:
<https://dinwiddie.schoolsprings.com>

Questions? Contact: Jessica N. Eppes, HR Coordinator jeppes@dcpsnet.org

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Stay up-to-date with the latest job openings, recruitment events, and important updates by liking, following, and sharing our DCPS Recruit Facebook page. Your support is crucial in helping us reach a wider audience and connect with potential candidates who are passionate about education and making a difference in our community.

SCAN ME



TAMIKA WILSON

BRIGHT STARS PARAPROFESSIONAL
MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DAPHNE JOLLY

AUTISM PARAPROFESSIONAL
MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TIFFANY SAWYER

ONE-TO-ONE PARAPROFESSIONAL
MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COURTNEY SWILLEY

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION TEACHER
DINWIDDIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MACKENZIE WISEMAN

ECSE PARAPROFESSIONAL
SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY



Reminder: January 12, 2026
Remote Teacher Workday/Student Holiday

EMILY BYERS

TEACHER
SUTHERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LUKE COSTLEY

VARSITY BASEBALL COACH
DINWIDDIE HIGH SCHOOL

JUSTIN DEMERY

FT BUS DRIVER
TRANSPORTATION

JESSICA KELLER

AUTISM PARAPROFESSIONAL
DINWIDDIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

REANNA POWERS

TEACHER
SUTHERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARK TEMPLE

PROMOTION

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
MAINTENANCE



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All use of the Dinwiddie School Division's computer system shall be consistent with the School Board's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The term computer system includes but is not limited to, hardware, software, data, communication lines and devices, terminals, printers, flash drives, servers, personal computers, tablets, cellular phones, smartphones, artificial intelligence, the internet, and any other internal or external network.

Computer System Use-Terms and Conditions:

1. **Acceptable Use.** Access to the Division's computer system shall be (1) for the purposes of education or research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the Division or (2) for legitimate school business.
2. **Privilege.** The use of the Division's computer system is a privilege, not a right.
3. **Unacceptable Use.** Each user is responsible for his or her actions on the computer system. Prohibited conduct includes but is not limited to:
 - using the network for any illegal or unauthorized activity, including violation of copyright or contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any federal, state, or local law.
 - sending, receiving, viewing or downloading illegal material via the computer system.
 - unauthorized downloading of software.
 - using the computer system for private financial or commercial purposes.
 - wastefully using resources, such as file space.
 - gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
 - posting material created by another without his or her consent.
 - submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any obscene, profane, threatening, illegal, or other inappropriate material.
 - submitting work generated by another or artificial intelligence and claiming it as your own
 - using the computer system while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
 - vandalizing the computer system, including destroying data by creating or spreading viruses or by other means.
 - intimidating, harassing, bullying, or coercing others.
 - threatening illegal or immoral acts.
4. **Network Etiquette.** Each user is expected to abide by generally accepted rules of etiquette, including the following:
 - be polite.
 - users shall not forge, intercept or interfere with electronic mail messages. · use appropriate language. The use of obscene, lewd, profane, lascivious, threatening or disrespectful language is prohibited.
 - users shall not post personal information other than directory information as defined in Policy JO Student Records about themselves or others.
 - users shall not utilize another user's password to access hardware or software (including online and artificial intelligence resources).
 - users shall respect the computer system's resource limits.
 - users shall not post chain letters or download large files.
 - users shall not use the computer system to disrupt others.
 - users shall not modify or delete data owned by others.
5. **Liability.** The School Board makes no warranties for the computer system it provides. The School Board shall not be responsible for any damages to the user from use of the computer system, including loss of data, non-delivery or missed delivery of information, or service interruptions. The School Division denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the computer system. The user agrees to indemnify the School Board for any losses, costs, or damages incurred by the School Board relating to or arising out of any violation of these procedures.
6. **Security.** Computer system security is a high priority for the school division. If any user identifies a security problem, the user shall notify the building principal or system administrator immediately. All users shall keep their passwords confidential and shall follow computer virus protection procedures.



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ACCEPTABLE COMPUTER USE

7. **Vandalism.** Intentional destruction of or interference with any part of the computer system through creating or downloading computer viruses or by any other means is prohibited.
8. **Charges.** The School Division assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees as a result of using the computer system, including telephone or long-distance charges.
9. **Electronic Mail.** The School Division's electronic mail system is owned and controlled by the School Division. The School Division may provide electronic mail to aid students and staff in fulfilling their duties and as an education tool. Electronic mail is not private. Students' electronic mail will be monitored. The electronic mail of staff may be monitored and accessed by the School Division. All electronic mail may be archived. Unauthorized access to an electronic mail account by any student or employee is prohibited. Users may be held responsible and personally liable for the content of any electronic message they create or that is created under their account or password. Downloading any file attached to an electronic message is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file.
10. **Enforcement.** Software will be installed on the division's computers having Internet access to filter or block Internet access through such computers to child pornography and obscenity. The online activities of users may also be monitored manually.
11. **School District and School Affiliated Social Media Accounts.** In order to ensure consistency, accountability, and professionalism in all communications representing the school or school system, the following regulations apply to the creation and management of social media accounts:
 - a. Approval Requirements
 - Any social media account created to represent an individual school, program, club, organization, athletic team, or the school system must receive prior approval.
 - Accounts representing an individual school, club, or athletic team must be approved by the school principal.
 - Accounts representing the school system as a whole must be approved by the superintendent or designee.
 - b. Ownership and Access
 - No single individual may be the sole owner or administrator of a school- or system-affiliated social media account.
 - Account login credentials and access information must be shared with the principal (for school-level accounts) or the superintendent or designee (for system-level accounts).
 - Accounts must be maintained in a manner that allows continued institutional access regardless of staff or volunteer turnover.
 - c. Compliance and Conduct
 - All social media accounts must adhere to the school system's Acceptable Use Policy, including all regulations governing professionalism, confidentiality, and online etiquette.
 - Content shared through these accounts must reflect positively on the school or school system and comply with all applicable laws and board policies.
 - Failure to follow these regulations may result in removal of the account and/or disciplinary action.
 - Any violation of these regulations shall result in loss of computer system privileges and may also result in appropriate disciplinary action, as determined by School Board policy, or legal action.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Kristin Buyalos 1
Ashley Creach-1
Latrice Johnson-2
Ashley Scott-2
Tabitha Trexler-2
Franklin Crowder-5
Melissa Harris-5
Suzanne Davis-5
Carol Fleshman-6
Tracy Hayes-6
Pamela Tortorice-6
Vurniqua Hepburn-6
Shannon Marston-7
Gail Morgan-7
Tyrone Goodrich-7
Brittany Dunn-7
Kathryn Adams-8
Regana Jennings-8
Madison Martin-8
Patric Anderson-9
Taiwanda Johnson-10
Alexis Johnson-11
Nikisha Ragsdale-11
Sadae Richardson-11
Brittany Capecci-12
Kellie Parham-Prosise-12
Jenna Athey-13
D'Andra Redd-14
Autumn Jones-14
Tracy Jones-16
Kesha Tinch-16
Crystal Powell-16
Tenishia Smith-17
Kimberly Wingfield-17
Kayla Miles-18
Joseph Culbreath-19
Michele Harris-19
Sharon Long-19
Thomas Davis-20
Stephanie Bailey-21
Hannah Burnette-22
Camille Scott-22
Jacqueline Bell-24
Dana Byrd-24
Sabrina Marshall-24
Elizabeth Miller-24
Jo Catherine Culler-24
Alison Ngallaba-24
Shamon Gholson-24
Elizabeth Raney-25
Mary Harrison-25
Laura Wright-25
Sarah Dean-25
Michelle Beach-26
Frances Elder-26
David Simmons-27
Charles Moss-30
Elsie Lilly-30
Clarence Williams-31