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NEWS

February 13, 2013 – Regional Program Director Recognized

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REGIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED

The Director of the Shenandoah Valley Regional Program for Special Education, Mrs. Judy Sorrell, was recently recognized by *Education Week*, a national education newspaper published by Editorial Projects in Education, a non-profit organization based in Bethesda, Maryland. Mrs. Sorrell was among fifteen school district leaders across the country featured in a special report, *Leaders to Learn From*, recognizing each of them for their forward-thinking ideas and practical approaches to solving problems within their respective school districts.

The Shenandoah Valley Regional Program for Special Education was formed in 1981 and currently works with six area school divisions: Harrisonburg City, Page County, Rockingham County, Shenandoah County, Staunton City, and Augusta County, which also serves as the fiscal agent for the program. Mrs. Sorrell has served as the program's director since its inception. "Judy has spent her entire career advocating for students with disabilities. There is no doubt that many students have benefitted from her professional expertise. She is passionate about ensuring a positive educational experience for the students she serves," said Dr. Chuck Bishop, Superintendent of Augusta County Schools.

The regional program complements the special education services of the participating school divisions. Dr. Linda Reviea, Superintendent of Staunton City Schools said, "Mrs. Sorrell works collaboratively with student services staff across the region to best meet the needs of unique learners. Our community is fortunate to have Mrs. Sorrell." Through the sharing of resources and personnel, the school divisions are able to provide cost-effective quality programming to children with low-incident disabilities.