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February 3, 2014 – School Board Appreciation Celebrated in February

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SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY

Staunton, VA – Staunton City Schools will join 133 other school divisions throughout the state to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month in February. Almost 850 elected and appointed school board members throughout Virginia will be recognized by schools and communities for their service and dedication to public education. The theme of this year’s celebration, “Local Schools, Local Decisions,” reflects the importance of ensuring that the future of public education remains in the hands of the community it serves. Local school boards keep the public in charge of public schools, since they represent their community’s beliefs and values. “School board members statewide make decisions that affect 1.3 million Virginia children and more than \$3 billion,” notes Dr. Reviea. “They are committed to providing outstanding educational programming for all of our children.”

The men and women serving on the Staunton City School Board are Mr. Ronald Ramsey as Chair, Mr. William Lobb as Vice-chair, Mr. Robert Boyle, Mrs. Amy Guffey Darby, Mr. Joel Grogan, and Mrs. Angela Whitesell. As a body, the Staunton City School Board must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. The board bears responsibility for an annual budget of more than \$26 million, approximately 2,500 students, over 500 employees and six school buildings. Board members also oversee the educational programs at Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center and Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents, and serve on regional boards governing programming at Shenandoah Valley Governors School, Valley Vocational Technical Center and Shenandoah Valley Regional Program for Special Education. “Our school board members generously give of their time without financial reward,” said Dr. Linda Reviea, Superintendent. “We’re proud of our division, and School Board Appreciation Month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees.”