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TO: Mrs. Tinya Ryland, Principal
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FROM: Mark R. Jones, Division Superintendent

DATE: January 24, 2010

RE: Request for Nominations of College-Bound Students for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

The Department of Education has announced the availability of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship to provide financial assistance to students who have achieved academically and show promise of continued outstanding academic achievement. Graduating seniors of public and private secondary schools, and those who have the equivalent of a high school diploma, are eligible for the Byrd Honors Scholarship Program. The applicants must have demonstrated and show promise of continued outstanding academic achievement.

A prompt response from each school is important to the program's success. All public school applications should be mailed from the division's central office and postmarked no later than April 9, 2010. To meet this deadline, please submit all applications to me by April 2.

Please note the chart on page 3 of Attachment A, which indicates the maximum number of applications each division may submit. The total number of applications submitted by each division cannot exceed the limit established on the basis of the total grade 12 fall membership for the public school division or the private school. Only complete applications will be accepted. Any part or parts of the application submitted separately (including letters of recommendation) will cause the application(s) to be rejected. Each school should keep a copy of the application(s) sent from the school.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 9, 2010. A statewide committee will select the scholarship recipients and notify them prior to the end of the current school year. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact me.

Please encourage our students to apply. I am confident that we have strong candidates.

Website Links:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2010/008-10a.doc
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2010/009-10b.doc