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Dear Dr. Wohlford:

The announcement of the [Exemplar Performance Awards](#) provides the Virginia Board of Education the opportunity to recognize schools, school divisions, or school boards for excellence in either high achievement, continuous improvement, or innovative practices. I am pleased to congratulate J.I. Burton High for being selected to receive the 2022-2023 Virginia Board of Education's Highest Achievement Award.

To receive this recognition a school must be *Accredited* and meet the following criteria:

- The school meets state benchmark in reading, math and science (75 percent for reading and 70 percent for math and science) based on the current year pass rate on state assessments (not including growth or English Learner progress),
- All student groups within the school meet state benchmarks in reading and math (75 percent for reading and 70 percent for math) based on the current year pass rate on state assessments (not including growth or English Learner progress), and
- For schools with two student groups, there is no more than five percentage points between the lowest performing group and all other students in the school, or
- For schools with three or more student groups, there is no more than ten percentage points between the lowest performing group and all other students in the school.

In recognition of this achievement, a digital certificate, which can be displayed on the school and division's social media sites, is attached to this correspondence. A report with the award recipients was presented to the Virginia Board of Education at the June 15, 2023, business meeting, and [a page on the Virginia Department of Education website](#) lists your school as an award recipient.

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Education, I am elated to recognize school staff, students, and the community for providing high expectations that have resulted in outstanding educational outcomes for all students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Coons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Coons

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