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Dr. Walter R. Clemons has been named the 2016-17 Virginia Region III Superintendent of the Year. The announcement was made at the Region III Superintendents meeting held in Essex County, VA on March 16, 2017. Region III consists of the following localities: Caroline County, Colonial Beach, Essex, Fredericksburg, Gloucester, King George, King & Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond County, Stafford County, Spotsylvania, Westmoreland and West Point. Clemons said, "I am extremely honored to be selected by such an outstanding group of colleagues in Region III and it is truly humbling to be recognized by your peers for the work that you do." Clemons has served as Superintendent of Schools for Gloucester County Public Schools since July 1, 2014. Before that, Clemons served for 3 years as Superintendent of Schools for Northampton County Public Schools, located on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Clemons has worked in the field of public school education for over 27 years serving in the capacities of teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. Clemons currently serves as the Region III treasurer and also serves on the Assessment & Accountability committee. In addition, Clemons serves on the Commonwealth of Virginia's School Readiness Committee and also serves as co-chair of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) Standards of Quality workgroup. Since his arrival in Gloucester, Gloucester County Public Schools has improved in 26 of 32 academic categories based on the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments and 10 academic areas have pass rates at or above 90%. In addition, 3 elementary schools (Achilles, Bethel and Botetourt) received the 2016 Virginia Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award and Botetourt Elementary received the 2016 Virginia Board of Education "Title One Distinguished School Award" for student academic performance. Clemons attributes the academic success to the hard work and dedication of the teachers, students and support staff. He said, "I am extremely fortunate to work with a wonderful group of educators and have been tremendously supported by an outstanding school board, parents and the community at large." Clemons has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Music Education from Norfolk State

University, a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from Old Dominion University and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. Dr. Clemons is now one of eight superintendents who will have the opportunity to be selected (based on Leadership for Learning, Communication, Professionalism, and Community Involvement) for the Virginia Superintendent of the Year Award, which will be announced in May 2017 at the VASS annual conference in Roanoke, VA.