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Here is today's release from Governor Ralph Northam on 2019 Virginia Index of Performance awards for schools and school divisions.

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**Governor Northam and Board of Education
Announce 2019 Virginia Index of Performance
Awards**

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam and the state Board of Education today announced that 270 schools and nine school divisions earned 2019 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced student learning and achievement. The VIP program recognizes schools and divisions that exceed state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals established by the Governor and the Board of Education.

“I am delighted to recognize the Virginia students and faculty at all of these schools for their academic excellence and commitment to innovation and continued improvement,” **said Governor Northam**. “The schools and school divisions that have earned these awards are not only the highest-performing schools in our Commonwealth, but are among the best schools in the nation.”

The schools and school divisions earning 2019 VIP awards — which are based on student achievement and other performance indicators during 2017-2018 — include:

- Five schools that earned the Governor’s Award for Educational Excellence
- One division and 90 schools that earned the Board of Education Excellence Award
- Eight divisions and 175 schools that earned the Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award

“As a former teacher, I know how important it is to commend extra effort and improved performance,” **said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni**. “I believe the same is true for schools and school divisions and I look forward to personally congratulating many of these schools and divisions during my travels around the Commonwealth.”

2019 Governor’s Award for Educational Excellence

Five schools earned the Governor’s Award for Educational Excellence, the highest VIP award. These schools are as follows:

- **Arlington County** — Jamestown Elementary
- **Fairfax County** — Chesterbrook Elementary, Carson Middle, Cooper Middle, and Longfellow Middle

To earn the Governor’s Award for Educational Excellence, schools and school divisions must meet all state and federal achievement benchmarks and achieve all applicable excellence goals for elementary reading, enrollment in Algebra I by the eighth grade, enrollment in college-level courses, high school graduation, attainment of advanced diplomas, attainment of career and industry certifications, and participation in the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

“The teachers, principals, superintendents, administrators and support staff of these award-winning schools and divisions share a commitment to deeper learning, expanding opportunity and preparing all students for success,” **said Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane**. “I look forward to visiting as many of these learning communities as possible during the coming months to offer my personal congratulations for their outstanding work preparing young Virginians for what comes next.”

2019 Board of Education Excellence Awards

One division — West Point Public Schools — and 90 schools earned the Board of Education Excellence Award, the second-highest honor in the VIP program. The division and schools also met all state and federal accountability benchmarks and made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by the board.

“While the Board of Education rightly focuses much of its attention on supporting schools that are still working toward meeting state standards, it is important to celebrate the successes of schools that far exceed these benchmarks,” **said Board of Education President Daniel A. Gecker**. “Recognizing exemplary schools provides an incentive for improvement beyond the performance levels required for state accreditation.”

The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards are as follows:

- **Albemarle County** — Virginia L. Murray Elementary
- **Alexandria** — Lyles-Crouch Elementary
- **Arlington County** — Arlington Science Focus School, McKinley Elementary, Nottingham Elementary, Taylor Elementary, and Williamsburg Middle
- **Chesapeake** — Butts Road Intermediate, Butts Road Primary, Grassfield High, Hickory High, and Southeastern Elementary
- **Chesterfield County** — Cosby High, J.B. Watkins Elementary, Swift Creek Elementary, and Winterpock Elementary
- **Fairfax County** — Chantilly High, Churchill Road Elementary, Colvin Run Elementary, Floris Elementary, Forestville Elementary, Greenbriar West Elementary, Haycock Elementary, Keene Mill Elementary, Lake Braddock Secondary, Langley High, Madison High, Mantua Elementary, McLean High, Mosby Woods Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Oakton High, Poplar Tree Elementary, Robinson Secondary, Rocky Run Middle, Sangster Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Springfield Estates Elementary, Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology, West Springfield High, Westbriar Elementary, Willow Springs Elementary, Wolftrap Elementary, and Woodson High
- **Henrico County** — Colonial Trail Elementary, David A. Kaechele Elementary, Deep Run High, George H. Moody Middle, Holman Middle, Mills E. Godwin High, Nuckols Farm Elementary, Rivers Edge Elementary, Shady Grove Elementary, Short Pump Elementary, Three Chopt Elementary, Tuckahoe Elementary, and Twin Hickory Elementary
- **Loudoun County** — Briar Woods High, Cardinal Ridge Elementary, Legacy Elementary, Lowes Island Elementary, Madison’s Trust Elementary, and Sycolin Creek Elementary
- **Lynchburg** — Paul Munro Elementary
- **Montgomery County** — Gilbert Linkous Elementary
- **Newport News** — Deer Park Elementary
- **Prince William County** — Battlefield High, Mary G. Porter Traditional School, Patriot High, and Pennington Elementary
- **Richmond** — Mary Munford Elementary and Open High
- **Roanoke** — Crystal Spring Elementary and Grandin Court Elementary
- **Roanoke County** — Penn Forest Elementary
- **Russell County** — Belfast Elk Garden Elementary
- **Scott County** — Weber City Elementary and Yuma Elementary
- **Virginia Beach** — Linkhorn Park Elementary, Old Donation School, Princess Anne Elementary, North Landing Elementary, Tallwood Elementary, Thoroughgood Elementary, and Trantwood Elementary
- **West Point** — West Point Elementary

- **Wise County** — Central High
- **Wythe County** — Rural Retreat Elementary and Sheffey Elementary
- **York County** — Mount Vernon Elementary

2019 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Awards

The Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award was earned by eight divisions and 175 schools that met all state and federal benchmarks and made progress toward the goals of the Governor and the Board of Education.

The divisions receiving Distinguished Achievement awards are as follows:

- Falls Church
- Lexington
- Loudoun County
- Poquoson
- Roanoke County
- Wise County
- Wythe County
- **York County**

The schools receiving Distinguished Achievement awards are as follows:

- **Albemarle County** — Hollymead Elementary, Meriwether Lewis Elementary, and Stone Robinson Elementary
- **Amherst County** — Temperance Elementary
- **Arlington County** — Arlington Traditional, Discovery Elementary, Long Branch Elementary, Swanson Middle, Tuckahoe Elementary, and Yorktown High
- **Augusta County** — Riverheads High and Wilson Memorial High
- **Bath County** — Millboro Elementary
- **Bedford County** — Forest Elementary
- **Botetourt County** — James River High
- **Charlotte County** — Eureka Elementary
- **Chesapeake** — Cedar Road Elementary, Deep Creek Central Elementary, Grassfield Elementary, Great Bridge High, Great Bridge Intermediate, Great Bridge Primary, Hickory Middle, and Western Branch High
- **Chesterfield County** — Bettie Weaver Elementary, Midlothian High, Midlothian Middle, Robious Middle, Tomahawk Creek Middle, W.W. Gordon Elementary, and Woolridge Elementary
- **Fairfax County** — Archer Elementary, Belvedere Elementary, Camelot Elementary, Canterbury Woods Elementary, Centreville High, Crossfield Elementary, Fairfax High, Flint Hill Elementary, Fox Mill Elementary, Frost Middle, Great Falls Elementary, Kilmer Middle, Lees Corner Elementary, Marshall High, Navy Elementary, Oakton Elementary, Sherman Elementary, Terra Centre Elementary, Thoreau Middle, Wakefield Forest Elementary, Waynewood Elementary, and West Springfield Elementary
- **Falls Church** — George Mason High and Mary Ellen Henderson Middle
- **Fauquier County** — C. Hunter Ritchie Elementary

- **Gloucester County** — Botetourt Elementary
- **Hanover County** — Atlee High, Kersey Creek Elementary, Pole Green Elementary, and Rural Point Elementary
- **Henrico County** — Gayton Elementary, Glen Allen Elementary, Glen Allen High, Pemberton Elementary, Pocahontas Middle, and Short Pump Middle
- **Lexington** — Lylburn Downing Middle
- **Loudoun County** — Belmont Ridge Middle, Belmont Station Elementary, Blue Ridge Middle, Brambleton Middle School, Broad Run High, Buffalo Trail Elementary, Cedar Lane Elementary, Creighton's Corner Elementary, Eagle Ridge Middle, Emerick Elementary, Freedom High, Hamilton Elementary, Hillside Elementary, J. Michael Lunsford Middle, John Champe High, John W. Tolbert Jr. Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Little River Elementary, Loudoun County High, Loudoun Valley High, Mercer Middle, Mill Run Elementary, Newton-Lee Elementary, Riverside High, Rosa Lee Carter Elementary, Sanders Corner Elementary, Seldens Landing Elementary, Stone Bridge High, Stone Hill Middle, and Trailside Middle
- **Louisa County** — Jouett Elementary
- **Montgomery County** — Blacksburg High
- **Newport News** — R.O. Nelson Elementary
- **Norfolk** — Larchmont Elementary
- **Patrick County** — Woolwine Elementary
- **Pittsylvania County** — John L. Hurt Elementary, Tunstall High, and Union Hall Elementary
- **Poquoson** — Poquoson Elementary and Poquoson Primary
- **Prince William County** — Ashland Elementary, Cedar Point Elementary, Gainesville Middle, Glenkirk Elementary, J.W. Alvey Elementary, Minnieville Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle, T. Clay Wood Elementary, The Nokesville School, and Thurgood Marshall Elementary
- **Pulaski County** — Snowville Elementary
- **Richmond** — William Fox Elementary
- **Roanoke County** — Back Creek Elementary, Bonsack Elementary, Cave Spring Elementary, Cave Spring High, Clearbrook Elementary, Glenvar High, Green Valley Elementary, Hidden Valley High, and William Byrd High
- **Rockingham County** — East Rockingham High
- **Russell County** — Honaker Elementary
- **Salem** — South Salem Elementary
- **Scott County** — Duffield-Pattonsville Primary and Hilton Elementary
- **Spotsylvania County** — Chancellor Elementary
- **Stafford County** — Colonial Forge High, Mountain View High, Rodney E. Thompson Middle, and Winding Creek Elementary
- **Tazewell County** — North Tazewell Elementary and Richlands High
- **Virginia Beach** — Great Neck Middle, Green Run Collegiate, John B. Dey Elementary, Ocean Lakes High, Princess Anne Middle, and Three Oaks Elementary
- **Washington County** — Greendale Elementary, High Point Elementary, Holston High, John S. Battle High, and Meadowview Elementary
- **West Point** — West Point High and West Point Middle
- **Williamsburg-James City County** — Stonehouse Elementary

- **Wise County** — Eastside High, J.W. Adams Combined, L.F. Addington Middle, St. Paul Elementary, and Union Primary
- **Wythe County** — Fort Chiswell High, Rural Retreat High, Scott Memorial Middle, and Speedwell Elementary
- **York County** — Coventry Elementary, Dare Elementary, Grafton Bethel Elementary, Grafton High, Grafton Middle, Tabb Elementary, Tabb High, Tabb Middle, and York High

The Virginia Index of Performance program was established by the state Board of Education in 2007 as a means of recognizing schools and school divisions that exceed state and federal accountability standards.

In April 2018, the board approved criteria for a new exemplar school recognition program to replace the VIP awards. The new program will include awards for high achievement, continuous improvement and innovative practices.

“I am excited about the new exemplar schools program because it will highlight the great work taking place in schools that may have not been recognized under the VIP program,” **Lane said**. “These include schools where students are making great progress toward meeting state standards and schools that are narrowing achievement gaps and reducing chronic absenteeism.”

The first awards under the new exemplar school system will be announced this summer.

More information about the VIP incentive program for schools and school divisions is available on the [VDOE website](#).

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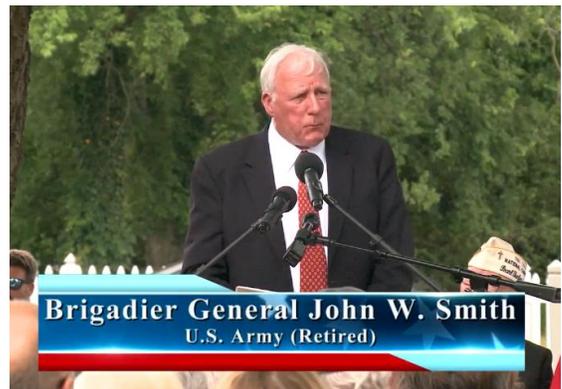


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Study details steps Norfolk, Virginia Beach should take to protect Navy bases as sea levels rise

By Peter Coutu
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As high tide hits Norfolk, cars and trucks precariously navigate a flooded Hampton Blvd. on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 29, 2017.

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A newly-released study between Norfolk, Virginia Beach and the Navy recommends sweeping changes that would reshape areas from Ocean View to Sandbridge to prevent floodwaters from cutting off military bases.

The 266-page report, which was released Wednesday, details 22 steps both cities and other partners should take to ensure the Navy can carry out its mission and remain a key part of the region’s economy in the face of climate change.

The Defense Department has been studying the vulnerability of its bases, said Joe Bouchard, former commanding officer of Naval Station Norfolk . "The message is clear: There are bases threatened by climate change, especially by sea level rise."

The first-of-its-kind study looks at current and future flooding as a type of encroachment impacting bases. That's a shift from how the Defense Department has looked at its assets in the past when the focus has been on approaching developments.

Recommendations in the newly released Joint Land Use Study

The plan details 22 steps both cities and other partners should take. Actions 17 — a resilient underpass pump study — and 21 — wastewater treatment plant vulnerability assessments — are not shown on the map.

Importance of proposed actions

- High Priority
- Medium Priority
- Low Priority

Source: Joint Land Use Study • Graphic By Peter Coutu

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The study's findings carry far-reaching implications that could help shape costly infrastructure improvements in the future.

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Proposed solutions would cost between a few hundred thousand dollars to more than \$50 million for comprehensive improvements. The study, which is still a draft, looks at possible conditions — and the feasibility of potential fixes — under both 1.5 and 3 feet of sea level rise, focusing on chronic or nuisance flooding and not factoring in possible storm surge events.

Four target areas were identified as places where major vulnerabilities were anticipated to impact infrastructure the Navy uses:

- The area around Naval Station Norfolk, which has the most miles of roadway that could be flooded under 3 feet of sea level rise.
- Neighborhoods to the west of Little Creek.
- The area surrounding the Lynnhaven Inlet and near much of Shore Drive.
- Sandbridge Road and other neighborhoods near the Dam Neck Annex.

Under 3 feet of sea level rise, 123 community assets — including schools, a hospital, and police and fire stations — would be exposed to flooding and more would have access cut off. That would mean military service members, their families and the broader community would see fewer benefits from such resources, according to the study.

"Even if the building isn't flooded but you can't get there, that's a problem," said Ben McFarlane, a senior planner with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission who led the project that began in 2016.

Since 1930, the relative sea level has risen by more than a foot at Sewells Point at Naval Station Norfolk, the highest rate on the East Coast. Flooding has dramatically increased.

Research points to the rate of sea level rise accelerating in the coming decades, which will lead to waterlogged roads, flooded homes and fewer ways to enter nearby bases if no action is taken.

Today, flooding impacts 35 miles of roads, according to the roughly \$500,000 study. With 1.5 feet of sea level rise, that number jumps to 104 miles. At 3 feet, that affects up to 269 miles.

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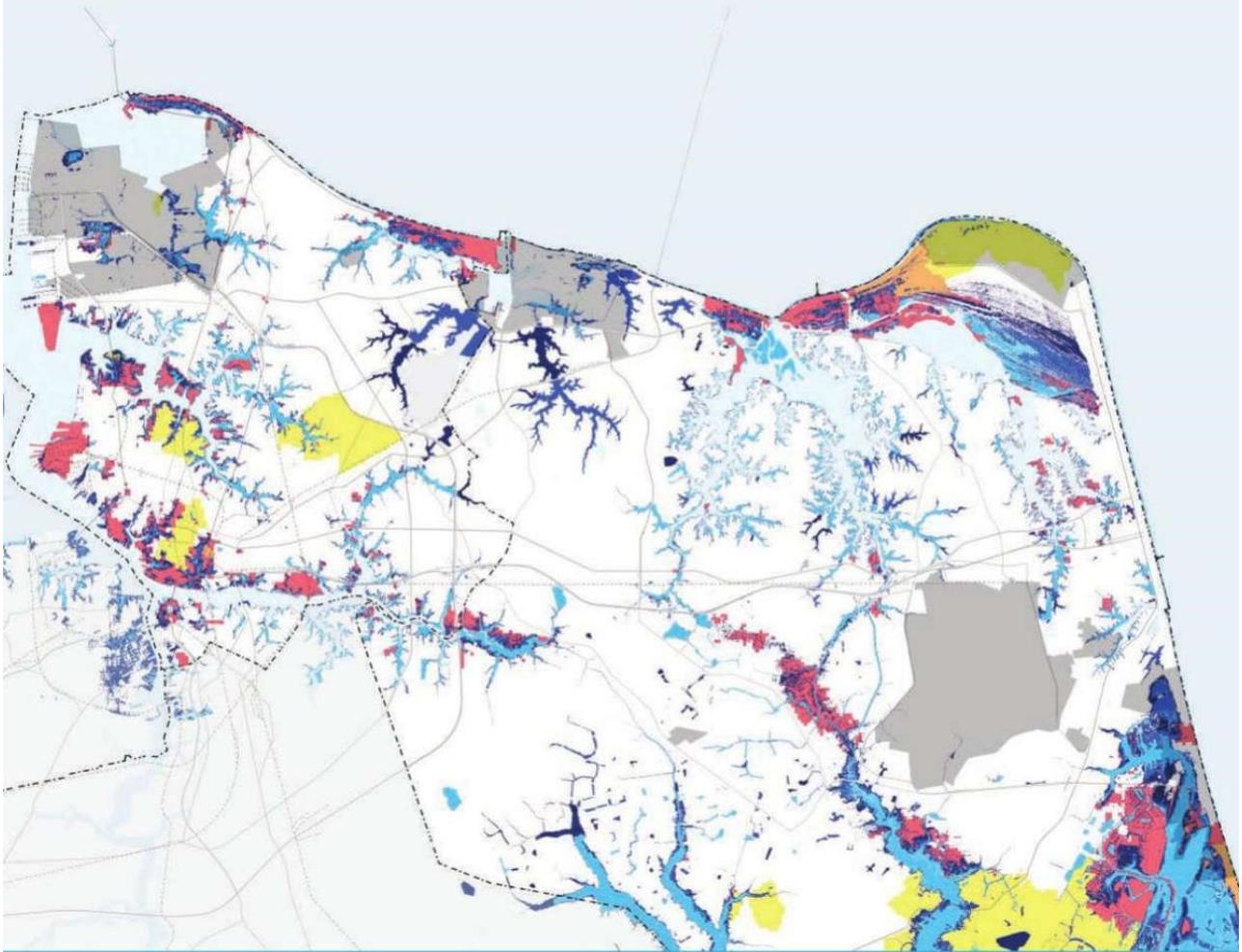
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It poses a major problem for both local installations and cities. There are nearly 20 access points to the two cities' six Navy installations. And most of the roughly 130,000 personnel who work at Oceana, Naval Station Norfolk, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, the Dam Neck Annex or Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story live off base and commute to work.

When some of the roughly 200 miles of roads leading to bases are inundated, it cuts off access and disrupts mission readiness. For cities, some worry the problems could lead to less defense spending in Hampton Roads, which currently makes up about 40% of the area's economy.

"With rising sea levels and increases in frequency and levels of roadway flooding, as well as worsening congestion as the region's population grows, current transportation nuisances could become more serious problems in the future," according to the study.

Eight projects were labeled as a priority, with four in Virginia Beach, three in Norfolk and one carrying shared responsibility. And there are some specific recommendations to prevent floodwaters from cutting off access to military bases. Norfolk should raise a stretch of Hampton Boulevard, according to the study. In Virginia Beach, drainage systems around Naval Air Station Oceana's Bells Road Gate should be bolstered.

But McFarlane said the project also includes recommendations for more studies to find comprehensive solutions.

"It's more than just fixing the roads," he said.

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Currently, the study is a final draft that will be posted publicly before a 30-day comment period starts. Over the next month, public meetings will be planned in Norfolk and in Virginia Beach. After that, McFarlane said he'll review comments and possibly tweak the study before issuing the final report.

Bouchard said he is worried that because the study is simply advisory and funding is tight, localities could quickly become complacent when it comes to implementing the proposed solutions.

"In theory, a base could be closed in a (Base Realignment and Closure) round due to flooding around a base because it impacts its military value," Bouchard said. "If the cities don't fear bases being closed due to sea level rise, then they won't take action."

The study suggests some potential funding sources: local capital improvement money, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Joint Land Use Study overlaps in some ways with Virginia Beach's recent Dewberry environmental report. But this project looks at the issue from a new angle, providing an in-depth assessment of what initiatives would benefit and protect Navy bases, McFarlane said. It could help shape the cities' priorities.

"It sets us up for a much more robust conversation with the Navy moving forward," he said.

Craig Quigley, executive director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, is focused on attracting, retaining and growing that presence in Hampton Roads. But those places need to be viable in the long term — and that includes guarding bases against recurrent flooding.

Quigley, who was on the study's policy committee, called it "tremendously encouraging" that the region is looking at how to fix the problem. He called the study a blueprint for actions that should be taken in the coming years.

"We've got to do this together," he said.

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THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In addition to the major recommended projects, the study highlighted nearly two dozen "regional coordination strategies" that address new development regulations, policies and advocacy issues. They include:

- Adopt a memorandum of understanding among the study's partners to commit to working together establish a JLUS Implementation Committee to advance the report's priorities
- Advocate for Congress to fund for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, a new initiative that could provide federal funding for some of these projects
- Push to mandate disclosure requirements for flood hazard for real estate transactions, for both rentals and purchases



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