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RICHMOND, Va. – Fifty-two percent or 23 out of 44 Richmond schools fully and partially meet state accreditation standards for the 2017-2018 school year. The report released today, reflects forty-three percent or 19 schools are denied accreditation and two schools are awaiting accreditation status from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

“We are excited that four of our schools are newly designated as fully accredited, however as a district we are not satisfied with our ratings,” said Interim Superintendent Thomas Kranz. “Our goal is full accreditation. We believe that our partnership with and the support from VDOE as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding will lead us to achieving our goal. There are a number of successes to be proud of that we are working to replicate throughout the school district.”

RPS performance highlights from the VDOE’s 2017-2018 School Accreditation Ratings report include the following:

- Four schools are newly designated as fully accredited for this current school year: Redd Elementary School, J.E.B. Stuart Elementary School, John B. Cary Elementary School, and Miles Jones Elementary School
- Blackwell Elementary School Science pass rate increased by 29 percentage points
- J.E.B. Stuart Elementary School English pass rate increased by 25 percentage points
- Albert Hill Middle School Math pass rate increased by 13 percentage points
- Chimborazo Elementary School Math pass rate increased by 12 percentage points
- Miles Jones Elementary School English pass rate increased by 11 percentage points
- Redd Elementary School Math pass rate increased by 11 percentage points and Science pass rate increased by 10 percentage points
- Henderson Middle School English and Math pass rates increased by 10 percentage points
- Fairfield Elementary School Science pass rate increased by 10 percentage points
- John B. Cary Elementary School Science pass rate increased by 10 percentage points

“While our ultimate goal is to achieve full accreditation for all of our schools, we are proud of the efforts of the entire RPS team. I believe that our internal support system coupled with collaboration from VDOE will enable us to meet our goal of providing equitable educational opportunities for all of our students,” said School Board Chairwoman Dawn Page.

RPS is in the process of developing a corrective action plan per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with VDOE that will align efforts to achieve full accreditation. For specific results by school division and schools, visit the Virginia Department of Education’s website at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov>.

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