



# **MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL**

**2023 REGIONAL AND  
EXECUTIVE SCHOOL BOARD  
MEMBERS**



**CHARLES CITY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Martha Harris**

Ms. Harris returned to service on the MLWGS Regional School Board in August 2021 representing Charles City County Public Schools. She previously serviced on this board from 2016-2019.

Martha Harris was first elected to serve as School Board representative for District 3 in Charles City in 2011. Ms. Harris received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Averett University, and a Certificate in Grant Writing from the University of Richmond.



**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Debbie Bailey**

Serving the RSB since January 2020, Ms. Debbie Bailey represents the Dale District of Chesterfield.

Her accolades include being named the 2015 Chesterfield County Middle School Teacher of the Year and being awarded the prestigious R.E.B. Award for teaching excellence in 2014.



**COLONIAL HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Mr. Steven Neece**

Mr. Neece joins the MLWGS board in January 2023. He was elected to CHSB in November 2022 and serves as their chair for 2023.

Mr. Neece is a 33-year resident of Colonial Heights. He attended the University of Virginia graduating with a degree in Systems Engineering and Economics and later returned to school there for a Master's in Business Administration.



## DINWIDDIE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**BOARD:** Ms. Mary M. Benjamin

Mary Benjamin joined MLWGS in January, 2022. Mary was elected to the Dinwiddie County School Board in 2015. Prior to being elected to the School Board election, Mary served on the Electoral Board.

Ms. Benjamin is a native of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, a graduate of Southside High School, Virginia State College (now University) where she received a B.S. Degree in Food and Nutrition, and the University of Phoenix where she received a Master's Degree in Organizational Management. In 2005, she retired from the Philadelphia School District with 35 years of service.



**GOOCHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Mr. John Wright**

Mr. John Wright has represented the students at Goochland County Public Schools on the RSB since January 2016. In 2020, he was elected **vice-chair** of the RSB, and **chair** in 2021.

Additionally, John serves on the board's policy committee. Last year he also served on the committee working on the development of the school's strategic plan.

John also currently serves on the RSB Executive Committee and has since its inception.



**HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Mr. Robert J. May**

Mr. Robert J. May joined the Maggie Walker Governor's School Regional Board in August 2022.

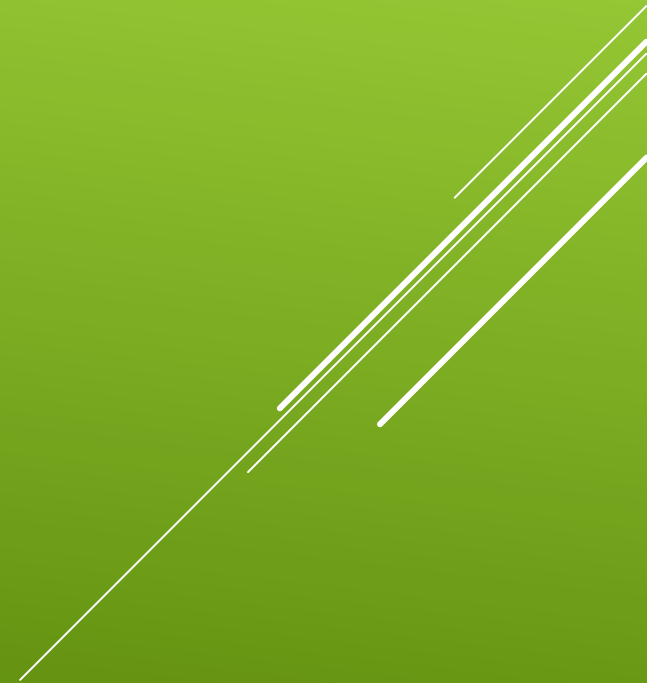
Mr. May was appointed to the Hanover School Board in July 2021 serving the South Anna District.



**HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Michelle F. 'Micky' Ogburn**

Ms. Micky Ogburn has served on the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board since 2015 representing Henrico County Public Schools. She was elected twice as **vice-chair** of the RSB in 2018 and 2019. In 2020 Micky was elected board chair.

Additionally, Micky serves on the RSB Executive Board and has since its inception.







**HOPEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Linda Hyslop**

Ms. Linda Hyslop has served on the RSB since 2019 representing Hopewell Public Schools, in her latest tenure. She is the only current board member who has served two terms that were not in succession. Linda earlier served in 2015 and 2016.



**KING AND QUEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Harwood Hall**

Ms. Harwood Hall has represented the students of King and Queen Public Schools on the RSB since 2017. During her tenure on the RSB, she has also served on the RSB Executive Committee since its inception. Harwood was elected vice-chair of the RSB in 2021.



**NEW KENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Sarah Barber**

Ms. Sarah Barber has served on the RSB since 2012 representing New Kent Public Schools. She has been elected twice as vice-chair of the RSB in both 2016 and 2017, and chair in 2018 and 2019. Additionally, Sarah has served on the RSB Executive Board since its inception plus service on the committee that developed the school's strategic plan.





**PETERSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, Chair**

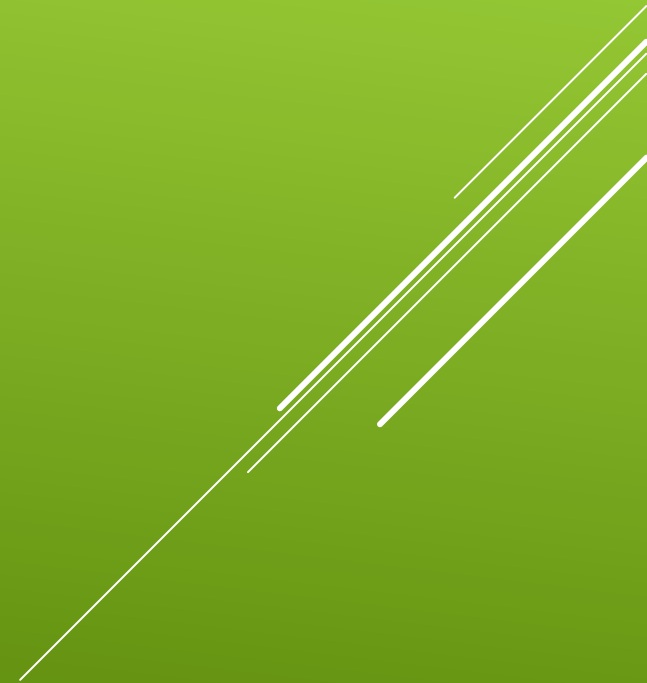
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett is one of the longer-serving board members on the RSB, in-service to this community since 2007. During his tenure, he served on the committee that developed the school's strategic plan. He also has served on the RSB Executive Committee since its inception.

Ken presided as the RSB chair in 2012 and 2013 and has been very active in all initiatives developed by the board.



**POWHATAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Valarie Ayers**

Ms. Valarie Ayers is the longest sitting member of the Regional School Board, serving this community and its students since 1996. Her commitment of time serving on the board's policy committee since its inception is many hundreds of hours. Also, during her tenure on the RSB, Valarie was instrumental in the hiring of seven MLWGS interim and permanent directors.





**PRINCE GEORGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Mr. Cecil Smith**

Mr. Cecil Smith was elected to serve the Regional School Board in January 2022 representing Prince George County Public Schools. Cecil is a former teacher, engineer, and resident of the county for more than four decades.



**RICHMOND CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD: Ms. Mariah White**

Ms. Mariah White represents Richmond's 2<sup>nd</sup> District and appointed to the MLWGS Regional School Board in January 2021.