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Mr. Rodney Compton
Principal
Dickenson County Public Schools
Ridgeview High School
310 Wolfpack Way
Clintwood, VA 24228

Dear Principal Compton,

I am pleased to congratulate Ridgeview High School for being selected to receive the 2020 Board of Education's Continuous Improvement Award through the Exemplar School Recognition Program. A certificate is enclosed in recognition of your school's achievement. A report to the Virginia Board of Education was presented at its June meeting but due to operating concerns, certificate distribution was delayed. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Your school received this award for being *Accredited* or *Accredited with Conditions* in the 2019-2020 school year and significantly improving academic and school quality indicators for each of the past three years. Schools must have demonstrated one or more of the following: an increase in the academic achievement of all students in reading or mathematics; an increase in academic achievement for two or more student groups in reading and mathematics; an increase in attendance; or an increase in graduation rates and a decrease in students who dropout of high school.

The Virginia Department of Education values your school's exemplary accomplishments and focus on improvement. Your continued dedication to students is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Lane".

James F. Lane, Ed.D

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Enclosure

c: Mrs. Haydee Robinson, Superintendent



Virginia Board of Education

*Continuous Improvement
Award*

Presented in 2020 to

Ridgeview High School
Dickenson County Public Schools

WHEREAS, the Board of Education's Exemplar School Recognition Program recognizes and rewards schools that exceed minimum requirements or show continuous improvement on academic and school quality indicators; and

WHEREAS, the Exemplar School Recognition measures the performance of students from competence toward excellence in reading, mathematics, and science, and on other indicators of school quality consistent with the Standards of Accreditation, and recognizes schools, school divisions, and school boards for successful implementation of innovative practices; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for Continuous Improvement recognition under this program, a school must invest in student engagement as evidenced by meaningfully increasing the attendance of students for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, recognition also requires commitment to student success by notably increasing graduation rates and decreasing dropout rates of students for the past three years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education recognizes these accomplishment by awarding this 2020 Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award.

Handwritten signature of Daniel A. Gecker in black ink.

Daniel A. Gecker
President, Virginia Board of Education

Handwritten signature of James F. Lane, Ed.D. in black ink.

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