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G.W. Carver Elementary Principal Receives R.E.B. Leadership Award

Kiwana Yates, principal at Richmond's George Washington Carver Elementary School, is one of four area principals to receive this year's R.E.B. Award for Distinguished Educational Leadership. The award includes a \$15,000 grant, sponsored by the R.E.B. Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation. The program recognizes one principal from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond City public schools.

Yates, who has previously served as a teacher and assistant principal with Richmond Public Schools, became principal at G.W. Carver Elementary School in 2012. During her tenure, the school has maintained full accreditation and was named a Title I Distinguished School by the Virginia Department of Education, a designation awarded to schools that meet all state and federal accountability requirements for two consecutive years and achieve average reading and mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL) scores at the 60th percentile or higher. The school also boasts several community partnerships, which include the STEM-based academic enrichment program Carverponics, sponsored by Virginia Commonwealth University, and Carver Promise, a program of Communities In Schools of Richmond that works to match each student in first through fifth grade with a mentor.

The R.E.B. Awards for Distinguished Educational Leadership were launched in 2004. Recipients are nominated for the award based on their accomplishments in fostering a learning environment that promotes student success, motivates and supports teachers and fosters community partnerships.

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