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Clark Elementary School Earns AYP Status

Charlottesville, Virginia: Robert W. Thompson, Acting Superintendent, Charlottesville City Schools, announced today that the Virginia Department of Education has determined that Clark Elementary School met all requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act to earn Adequate Yearly Progress.

According to Charlottesville's Supervisor of Assessment, Harley Miles, the NCLB Act requires schools, school divisions and states to meet annual measurable objectives for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) through student performance on Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments. In order to meet AYP requirements, a school, school division, and the Commonwealth of Virginia must meet or exceed 29 benchmarks related to performance in reading, math, science and attendance within and across the various identified NCLB subgroups. If a school fails to meet a single benchmark, the school may not make AYP. Mr. Miles notes that "Clark has made significant academic progress over the past several years. The school community has rallied to support Clark teachers and administrators and to recognize the superb manner in which Clark students have worked to meet the challenge presented to them. All these efforts have enabled Clark to become Fully Accredited and to make AYP."

Clark Elementary School Principal James Pierce stated, "We are very pleased with the Department of Education's determination and commend our staff, students and parents for their dedication and commitment to helping Clark achieve this major milestone."

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