

Declaration

OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR VALLEY CHARACTER (GRVCC)

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We the School Board of Roanoke County join our neighboring communities in declaring our support for the Greater Roanoke Valley Character Coalition and the continued development of a higher level of character.

We believe that character development begins with the family and is further enhanced through the efforts of the church community, the schools, youth serving organizations and the entire community.

Our state legislators have deemed this subject to be of such importance that Virginia Law now requires all schools to teach character education. Deliberate efforts toward character development will help our children learn how to be responsible members of our community and further create a safer environment for all of us to live. This legislation specifically cites *Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship*. These core ethical values transcend cultural, religious, and socio-economic differences.

People do not automatically develop good moral character; therefore, focused and conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the values and abilities necessary for achieving moral decision-making and conduct. The Greater Roanoke Valley Character Coalition supports the outstanding efforts of the schools as they work in harmony with the home and the community to instill strong character in all of our youth. It is through this collaborative effort that we will all develop a secure and satisfactory life, for our families, and the community in which we live.

We hereby endorse the Greater Roanoke Valley Character Coalition and its efforts to work with the entire community to encourage community service, to improve neighborhoods and to ease suffering and reduce injustice, while embracing the lives and strengthening the character of those who render it.

Signed – for and on behalf of the Roanoke County School Board – in pursuance of a resolution passed on _____



Clerk of the Roanoke County School Board

Date

Chairman of the Roanoke County School Board

Date