

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA**

R-19-17

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 8th day of May, 2017.

Present:	Vote:
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Tiller, which carried 5:0 to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL PLAN
FOR SCHOOL READINESS 2017-2020**

WHEREAS, in the earliest years, from birth through age five, children rapidly absorb information, their brains developing at an exponential rate unmatched in any other period of life; and

WHEREAS, providing infants and young children with supportive, nurturing relationships and enriching environments during this critical phase of development helps put them on a path to success in later years; and

WHEREAS, decades of education and public health research demonstrate that timely assistance to families with infants and young children has a lifelong impact on not only the child, but also on the child's family and community; and

WHEREAS, quality early childhood services can reduce socio-economic and health disparities between children of different backgrounds and provide a stronger foundation for a healthy start; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,000 children in New Kent County from birth to 5-years-old, and 73.1 percent of the parents of those children are in the labor force; and

WHEREAS, the Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond partnership of more than 110 organizations has raised awareness about the importance of the early years and leveraged resources and organizing power to create more opportunities for families to support a healthy start for their children; and

WHEREAS, numerous agencies and partners contributed to this plan, including Chickahominy Health District, New Kent County Public Schools, and numerous other early childhood for profit and nonprofit partners serving New Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the *Regional Plan for School Readiness 2017-2020* builds on the premise that a strong start for children of all incomes is good for the economic vitality and well-being of New Kent County and the region; and

WHEREAS, the *Regional Plan for School Readiness 2017-2020* is inspired by the vision that all children from birth through five in the Richmond region will be healthy, well-cared for, and ready to succeed in school, work and in life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Kent County Board of Supervisors supports the *Regional Plan for School Readiness 2017-2020*, and recognizes the many New Kent County early childhood programs and partnerships that contributed to the development of this new Regional Plan to advance school readiness in New Kent County and throughout the region.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2017



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



W.R. Davis, Jr.
Chairman