

# Path Less Taken

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“Many of you are doing the hard work to find the best practice in your school. You’ve found something that seems to make a difference. You’ve found something that drives a positive outcome.”

**Steven R. Staples**  
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On June 22, thirty-one school districts came together for the first **Pathways to Accreditation** conference. Of the 132 districts in the state, 13 have one or more schools that were denied accreditation. Of those 13 school districts, 8 attended the conference. Those eight are noted below in red with the number of schools in their district that have accreditation denied.

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| 1. Accomack County             | 12. Greensville County            | <b>23. Petersburg City - 2</b> |
| 2. Amherst County              | 13. Halifax County                | <b>24. Portsmouth City - 1</b> |
| 3. Bedford County              | <b>14. Henrico County - 1</b>     | 25. Prince Edward County       |
| 4. Caroline County             | 15. Lunenburg County              | 26. Prince William County      |
| 5. Charlotte County            | 16. Lynchburg City                | <b>27. Richmond City - 5</b>   |
| 6. Chesapeake City             | 17. Madison County                | 28. Southampton County         |
| 7. Cumberland County           | 18. Manassas City                 | 29. Suffolk City               |
| <b>8. Danville City - 1</b>    | 19. Mecklenburg County            | 30. Virginia Beach City        |
| <b>9. Dinwiddie County - 1</b> | <b>20. Newport News City - 4</b>  | 31. Westmoreland County        |
| 10. Fairfax County             | <b>21. Northampton County - 1</b> |                                |
| 11. Franklin City              | 22. Nottoway County               |                                |

Of the seven cities that comprise Hampton Roads, five attended this conference – Chesapeake, Newport News, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach. Which districts from Hampton Roads were absent...Hampton and Norfolk. Hampton has less than 42% of the schools fully accredited. Of the remaining 58%, two schools were unable to limp their way to a partial accreditation. These two schools attained the label of – accreditation denied. Norfolk, the other missing Hampton Roads school district, has six schools with the same label.