

**VSBA Regional School Board Member of the Year
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee: Jacinta Greene

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School Board: Alexandria City School Board

Number of Years Served: 6 years **Dates Served:** 2019-2024

1. Why does this person deserve to receive this award? (limit to 300 words)

Jacinta Greene was first elected to the Alexandria City School Board in 2018. Equitable access to a high quality education is among her top priorities. Over the years, she has held several leadership positions on the Board and advocated for public education at the state and federal levels. Ms. Greene has also been an enthusiastic participant at VSBA-sponsored events and she was elected VSBA northeastern regional chair in November 2023.

In addition to her service on the School Board, Ms. Greene is an active volunteer with several community organizations. Her main passion centers around advocacy for disadvantaged women, children and civil rights for all. She has served on the Alexandria Commission for Women as a commissioner and first vice chair for 10 years. Ms. Greene also coordinates the Ruby Tucker Readers organization, which teaches a love for reading and literacy to underserved children in Alexandria. She also serves on the Board of the Twelve Days of Christmas, Inc.-DC Chapter, a nonprofit organization that raises money for disadvantaged children in the D.C. Metro area.

A native of Richmond, Ms. Greene is a proud graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University. Born into a family of educators, Ms. Greene learned early and firsthand the importance of a great education and the doors it can open for the future. She moved to Alexandria City in 2002 and spent 10 years in corporate America before venturing out on her own as an independent marketing consultant and meeting planner. The quote that Ms. Greene centers her life around is, "A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

2. Local board offices held and other local board leadership activities.

- Board liaison to the Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee, 2019-2024
- School Board representative on Alexandria's Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC), 2019-2024
- Strategic Plan Steering Committee, 2019-2020
- Board vice chair, 2022-2023
- City Council/School Board Subcommittee, 2022-2023
- Board liaison to School Board student representatives, 2022-2024
- VSBA Federal Relations Committee, 2022-2023
- Joint City Council/School Board School Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) Committee, 2023-2024
- Board legislative liaison, 2023-2024
- Redistricting Committee, 2023-2024
- VSBA northeastern regional chair, 2023-2024

3. Board development activities.

During her time on the Alexandria City School Board, Ms. Greene has actively participated in Board development activities. She regularly attends retreats with her fellow Board colleagues focused on continuous Board improvement. She has attended every VSBA Annual Convention since joining the Board in 2019 where she has enjoyed networking with other School Board members from around the state and learning from one another's experiences. Ms. Greene regularly attends other VSBA events as well, to include the annual Legislative Advocacy Conference, Capital Conference, and Conference on Education. Additionally, Ms. Greene has held leadership positions in VSBA serving on the Federal Relations Committee in 2022-2023 and then becoming the northeastern regional chair in 2023. Finally, she has attended national conferences for School Board members.

4. Accomplishments as a board member in promoting student achievement.

Ms. Greene was elected to serve on the Alexandria City School Board in 2019, just one year prior to the COVID-19 global pandemic. During this difficult period when our school buildings temporarily closed to protect the health and safety of our community, Ms. Greene worked to ensure that students continued to receive meals and that each young person had a tablet or laptop and home internet access to continue their learning.

Most notably, in July 2020 in the midst of the unrest in Alexandria City and across the nation due to social injustice, Ms. Greene, along with her Board colleagues, supported

[The Identity Project](#). On July 10, 2020, the School Board adopted a [motion](#) to begin the robust community consensus building process to consider a name change for the very well-known T.C. Williams High School followed by a similar [motion](#) in September to rename Matthew Maury Elementary School. The goal was to lead a wide-reaching community conversation that allowed all voices to be heard as we looked toward a more equitable future in Alexandria. In November 2020, the campaign achieved its goal and the Board voted unanimously to change the names of the two schools and refocus their attention on the equity work of the new strategic plan.

During this same time period, Ms. Greene served on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which worked to refine our school division's goals and identify key performance indicators. We monitor progress through our division's online [dashboard](#) and annual school [climate survey](#). Ms. Greene also participated in a video series with her colleagues explaining how the Board supports student achievement, which you can view [here](#).

In closing, we hope you will agree that Ms. Greene is deserving of the honor of being named a VSBA Regional School Board Member of the Year.

5. Resume or curriculum vitae (cv).

Please see attached.

Our board has discussed and by a majority vote nominates this candidate.

Board Chair _____ **Date** _____

Clerk _____ **Date** _____