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### **City School District, Broad Rock Volunteer Honored By Virginia Mentoring Partnership**

The Virginia Mentoring Partnership has honored Richmond Public Schools and Marty Bland, a volunteer mentor at Broad Rock Elementary School, as this year's outstanding organization and individual.

Bland, an associate at Capital One, has volunteered for the past four years at Broad Rock Elementary, Greene Elementary and Boushall Middle schools. Along with serving as a mentor, he has recruited other Capital One associates to take part in Read Across America Day activities at several schools.

Richmond Public Schools was named the region's outstanding mentoring organization. Currently more than 2,500 volunteers mentor Richmond City students, according to Miriam Davidow, partnership specialist for Richmond Public Schools.

Bland and the school district will be honored Feb. 10 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Mentoring Awards Luncheon and Statewide Conference at the Jefferson Hotel presented by the Virginia Mentoring Partnership.

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*Photo of Marty Bland is available upon request from the RPS Public Information Office. For more information on the award, contact Julie Philp at Virginia Mentoring Partnership at 828-1536.*