

LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY PRINCIPAL LINDA BURKE FINALIST FOR FCPS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR 2003 AND THE WASHINGTON POST DISTINGUISHED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

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BURKE, VA – A student body of 3,933 adolescents, a faculty and staff of 386 adults, and a campus spanning 57 acres comprise one of the largest and most successful schools in the state of Virginia, Lake Braddock Secondary School. The success of this school can be directly attributed to the outstanding leadership and dedicated service of one incredible individual, our principal Linda L. Burke. Mrs. Burke meets and exceeds the daunting challenge of managing Lake Braddock with professionalism, integrity and enthusiasm. On behalf of the Parent Teacher Student Association, it is my privilege and pleasure to nominate Mrs. Burke for FCPS Principal of the Year 2003 and *The Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.”

With this in mind, the Lake Braddock Secondary School Parent Teacher Student Association submitted it’s nomination for Linda Burke to become the Principal of the Year 2003. PTSA President, Karen Allison’s cover letter continues to enumerate Mrs. Burke’s many achievements stating “Mrs. Burke recognizes the impact that an experienced staff, well respected in their disciplines, has on the achievement of the students. The results are impressive: Lake Braddock was one of the first schools to be fully accredited based on the Standards of Learning (SOL) scores. The students’ scores on the SOL tests are generally in the top five in the state of Virginia and their 2002 SAT scores are in the top five in Fairfax County. A number of teachers have remarked that Lake Braddock is a desirable teaching assignment because of the support and guidance given by the administrative team.”

Even though Mrs. Burke was not selected as the winner, the Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA believes that being chosen as one of the 4 finalists is an achievement in itself, deserving of special recognition. In his letter of congratulations, Superintendent of FCPS, Daniel A. Domenech states “This honor is an indication of your accomplishments as a professional educator and of the high esteem in which you are held by colleagues, students, and parents.” Dr. Domenech goes on to say “It is extremely difficult to select only one individual from the group of outstanding principals nominated. Although you were not selected to receive this year’s award, it is indeed a tribute to your outstanding leadership skills to be chosen as a finalist.”

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