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Joe Corriveau of the Virginia Masonry Association, left, presents a \$5,000 donation to Prince Edward County CTE Principal Jason Lee, right, to support the school's new masonry program.

Virginia Masonry Association Donates \$5,000 to Support New Regional Masonry Training Program in Prince Edward County

Farmville, VA — The Virginia Masonry Association (VMA) is proud to announce a \$5,000 donation to Prince Edward County Public Schools to support the development of a new Regional Masonry Training Program designed to prepare students for careers in the masonry and construction industries.

The new program represents an important investment in workforce development and will provide students with hands-on training and valuable skills that can lead directly to careers in the masonry industry.

The Virginia Masonry Association, the leading voice and resource for the masonry industry in Virginia, made the contribution as part of its ongoing commitment to expanding masonry education and creating opportunities for the next generation of skilled craftsmen and women.

"Developing strong masonry training programs in our schools is essential to the future of our industry," said Joe Corriveau, Executive Director of the Virginia Masonry Association. "We are excited to support

Prince Edward County Public Schools as they establish this Regional Masonry Training Program. This investment will help provide students with hands-on skills, career opportunities, and a pathway into an industry that offers rewarding and long-term careers.”

The Regional Masonry Training Program will serve students from Prince Edward County and surrounding communities, expanding access to career and technical education in masonry. Students will have the opportunity to learn foundational masonry skills while gaining practical experience that can prepare them for apprenticeships, employment, and continued education.

The partnership between the Virginia Masonry Association and Prince Edward County Public Schools reflects the growing need for skilled tradespeople throughout Virginia. Masonry contractors across the Commonwealth continue to seek qualified workers, making career and technical education programs an important part of addressing the construction industry's workforce needs.

“Partnerships between industry and education are critical to building Virginia's workforce,” said Dr. Chip Jones, Prince Edward County Schools Superintendent. “We greatly appreciate the Virginia Masonry Association's investment in our students and in the future of this program. Their support will help us provide meaningful hands-on learning opportunities and introduce students to the many career possibilities available in the masonry industry.”

The VMA's support of the Prince Edward County program is part of its broader effort to strengthen masonry education across the Commonwealth through **school partnerships, hands-on training, workforce development, apprenticeship opportunities, and industry collaboration.**

The Association believes that introducing students to the masonry industry at an early age can help create a stronger pipeline of skilled workers while giving students a valuable opportunity to pursue careers that provide competitive wages, professional growth, and long-term stability.

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