Pat Trice – Superintendent, Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB)

Has enjoyed over 30 years in the field of education as a teacher, administrator, trainer, and mentor. Has worked in all aspects of Special Education with expertise in deafness, DeafBlind, vision impairment, and multiple disabilities.

First came to VSDB as its Principal five years ago and has served as Superintendent for the past four years. VSDB is a state agency with an operational budget of approximately $11 million dollars. VSDB employs approximately 200 employees (full and wage) while serving approximately 100 students. The students come from across the Commonwealth and are vision impaired/blind, hard of hearing/deaf, DeafBlind, and deaf or blind with other disabilities.

As a “mover and a shaker,” her efforts, have focused on revitalizing and reshaping VSDB in order to secure a more sustainable future for the agency. As a result, VSDB has added new programs that meet the needs of its complex student population, including but not limited to:

- Independent Living Apartments on campus
- Enhanced Transition Services with fully accessible on/off site work experiences
- 18+ age floor within the Residential Program
- VSDB’s Educational Urban Farm- the largest program of its kind in Virginia