## Frequently Asked Questions for Families



- 1. When does this program begin? Amherst County Public Schools will begin the Building Bridges to Success Program on October 24, 2023.
- 2. How will this program impact my student? A daily "Bridge Time" will be provided to all students in grades 3-8 either through high-dosage tutoring or through the Extend program. Students in Grades K-2 will participate during "Bridge Time" on Fridays to participate in the hands-on extension activities. Daily schedules have been adjusted to accommodate this 45 minute tutoring session for students.
- 3. Who is working with my child? We have been able to use all instructional staff in our building to support our student groups. This includes our reading specialists, instructional assistants, classroom teachers, and other support staff such as secretaries or custodians who want to help support your child. All tutors have participated in training and are provided very detailed lessons that are used to provide targeted instruction to your child.
- 4. My student passed their SOL test, why are they in a tutoring program? VDOE over the last several years have made adjustments to the SOL cut scores that are used to determine a student's overall pass rate or proficiency level. With these adjustments, VDOE has identified that many students who were considered proficient during the use of the lower cut scores, are actually in need of additional support. By providing your student with this high-dosage tutoring, we are working to ensure that when assessed this spring, they will continue to test at a proficient level.
- 5. Where can I find out more about Building Bridges to Success? You may contact your child's administrator with any questions you may have about this program and how it impacts your student.
- 6. How will I know what support my student needs? A copy of your child's most recent SOL Student Detail By Question Report will help to determine which skills and areas your child may benefit from receiving additional instructional support. The initial reports will be sent home with the first nine weeks report card. Additional information will be sent throughout the year. If you have questions about how to read these reports, please contact your child's teacher.