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**FCPS TEACHER OF THE YEAR IS FINALIST FOR  
VIRGINIA STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Joseph Hills, who teaches social studies at Lake Braddock Secondary School and was named Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Teacher of the Year for 2004, has been selected as one of eight regional winners in Virginia's Teacher of the Year competition. Hills was named winner for Region IV, which encompasses 20 school divisions in Virginia.

Lake Braddock principal Linda Burke, along with Virginia assistant superintendent for instruction Linda Wallinger, made the announcement during Hills' fifth period class on Thursday, October 7.

Hills began his career with FCPS in 1960 as a teacher at Fairfax High School. He then moved to Marshall High School and later to Langley High School, where he worked as a teacher and social studies department chair. In 1973, he came to Lake Braddock, where he has been ever since. Lake Braddock assistant principal David Thomas is a former student of Hills.

Hills has taught summer school for 42 years at 17 different high schools and was assistant principal during summer 1972 at Langley High. He has also worked with the Adult and Community Education program for 11 years.

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