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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Updated Title I, Part A, Equitable Services Guidance Released by the U.S. Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Education recently released [updated non-regulatory guidance on Title I, Part A, equitable services provisions](https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/non-public-education/files/equitable-services-guidance-100419.pdf). Under section 1117 of the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015,* school divisions must consult with appropriate private school officials to provide eligible children attending private non-profit elementary and secondary schools, their teachers, and their families with Title I services or other benefits that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children, their teachers, and their families.

Questions related to Title I, Part A, equitable services may be directed to Shyla Vesitis, Title I Coordinator, at [shyla.vesitis@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:shyla.vesitis@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-3711 or to Carol Sylvester, Title II Coordinator, at [carol.sylvester@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:carol.sylvester@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 371-0908.

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