



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: January 20, 2023
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **National School Counseling Week**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will recognize professional school counselors during the week of **February 6-10, 2023**, as part of National School Counseling Week.

School counselors are certified and licensed educators who help all students succeed in school, apply interpersonal skills, and plan their career. The combination of their training and experience makes them a unique and integral part of schools.

School divisions are encouraged to nominate a school counselor for [Virginia School Counselor Association's School Counselor of the Year Award](#). The window for nominations closes on **February 19, 2023**.

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Bazemore, School Counseling Specialist, at (804) 225-4024 or Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov.

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