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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: January 27, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia Kindness Week

In honor of Virginia Kindness Week, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is encouraging schools to promote and celebrate kindness during the week of **February 12-18, 2023**.

The purpose of Virginia Kindness Week is to recognize that simple day-to-day acts of kindness enable our schools, communities, and state to be a kinder, safer, healthier, and more inclusive place to live, work, learn, and play. Schools can access resources to plan their Virginia Kindness Week initiatives on the VDOE's [Virginia Kindness Week](#) webpage. Consider working to build awareness by creating a plan for school wide recognition and celebration of kindness, promoting kindness using the materials on the VDOE website and finding a way to recognize kindness in your school among students and staff.

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