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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

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## SUBJECT: *Virginia Education Update* Newsletter Replaces Superintendent's Memos and Emails

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Virginia school nutrition directors and community sponsors of the transition from Superintendent's memos and emails to a weekly *Virginia Education Update* Newsletter. Directors and sponsors are encouraged to [**subscribe to the Newsletter**](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/about-vdoe/virginia-education-update-newsletter)and review its contents weekly. The Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs (VDOE-SNP), will also continue to distribute Director's memos.

### *Virginia Education Update* Newsletter

In July 2023, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) transitioned from distributing Superintendent's memos and emails to distributing a weekly *Virginia Education Update* Newsletter. The *Virginia Education Update* newsletter is designed to **replace the use of Superintendent's memos and emails** using a weekly newsletter format appropriate for schools, childcare centers, and school division leadership with easy to digest information and news from all departments across the VDOE.

Each edition of the Newsletter will contain a collection of short (no more than 250 words) articles that will appear under one of the following **headings**:

* School Division Highlights
* Teaching and Learning
	+ Innovation and STEM
	+ Learning
	+ Special Education
* School Performance and Support
	+ Assessment, Accountability
	+ **School Nutrition**
* Early Childhood and Learning
* Data and Technology
* School Finance
* Parental Engagement
* Virginia Board of Education

### Each edition will also include a message from Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Coons. The Newsletter will be distributed via GovDelivery each Thursday.

### For more information

[Visit the VDOE website to subscribe to the *Virginia Education Update* Newsletter](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/about-vdoe/virginia-education-update-newsletter) by entering your email address and clicking *Submit*. For questions, please reach out to your assigned SNP regional specialist for school divisions or Child Nutrition Programs regional specialist for community sponsors.

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