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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS) Readiness Webinar Series

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) invites all school divisions to participate in the second session of the Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS) Readiness Webinar Series. In this second webinar, divisions will examine their data to identify evidence that VTSS is an effective match for meeting the needs of students, teachers, and families in their community. The webinar will be held on April 21, 2016, from 2 to 3 p.m. This opportunity is free and available to all school division personnel and their partners. Registration for the webinar is available at <https://redcap.vcu.edu/surveys/?s=Y7A7RPFJHR>.

The VTSS Readiness Webinar Series offers quarterly webinars to guide school divisions through the early implementation stages of the VTSS. Upon completion of the VTSS Readiness Series, school divisions will be prepared to apply and participate in a VTSS Cohort (spring 2017). Divisions participating in VTSS cohorts receive training and on-site coaching from VDOE. The VDOE will award priority points to applications from divisions successfully completing the Readiness Series.

The first webinar of the series provided an overview of the VTSS. A recording of the first session is available at: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/virginia_tiered_system_supports/training/index.shtml.

This opportunity supports Governor McAuliffe's Classroom not Courtrooms Initiative to expand and improve the use of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as part of the Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports. For more information about the Governor's initiative, please refer to [Superintendent's Memo #277-15](#).

Questions regarding the VTSS Readiness Webinar Series should be directed to Dr. Thomas Manthey, VTSS coordinator, via e-mail at Tom.Manthey@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 225-4024.

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