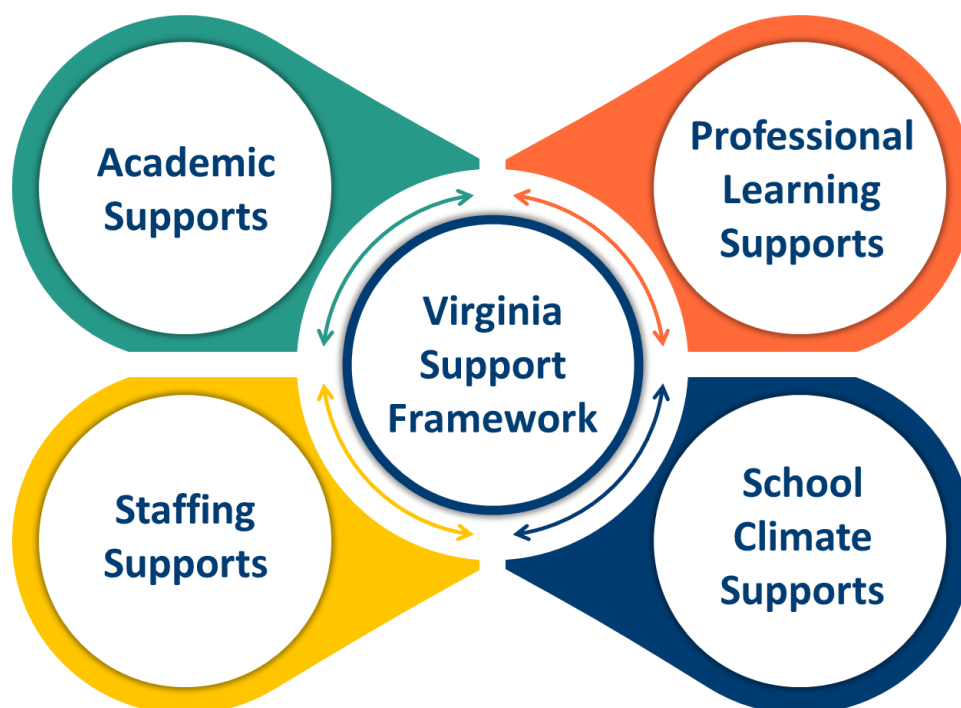


**Virginia Department of Education**  
**Office of School Quality**  
**School Support Framework**

As Virginia raises expectations for student learning through state-level initiatives, divisions are on the front lines diligently working to ensure every student receives an exceptional education. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will continue to support divisions across the Commonwealth that need additional resources, instructional guidance, and assistance building teacher and leadership capacity.

The Office of School Quality (OSQ) at the VDOE is charged with providing direct support to divisions identified through the federal accountability and state accreditation systems. Historically, OSQ has been an office focused on compliance – monitoring division adherence to regulations. OSQ is moving into a new era and will now solely focus on serving divisions by providing additional resources and guidance.



The work of the OSQ will be guided by a new support framework that contains four critical domains:

- **Academic:** Supports school divisions in acquiring high-quality instructional materials, adopting instructional routines that are built around optimal instructional practice, and prioritizing placement of existing teachers, leaders and resources in the schools and classrooms that have the greatest need.
- **Staffing:** Supports school divisions in ensuring that recruitment practices lead to hiring, placing, and retaining high-quality teachers and principals with critical expertise in the schools and classrooms most in need of support.
- **Professional Learning:** Supports school divisions in identifying logistical and instructional practices that are necessary for creating an optimal learning environment.
- **School Climate:** Supports school divisions in building bridges between school and home, removing barriers to learning and assuring greater school attendance, and establishing school disciplinary expectations that create an environment conducive to learning.

With this new framework, OSQ is restructuring to improve how the VDOE serves divisions. Each division will have assigned OSQ specialists, consultants, and subject matter experts who will guide the plan development and implementation of evidence-based supports around the Virginia Support Framework. As more information is ready to be shared, it will be made available to school divisions and will be posted on the [OSQ Webpage](#).