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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: TeacherDirect and Back-to-School Convocations

In 2013, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) launched *TeacherDirect*, an online and e-mail service to provide Standards of Learning (SOL) resources and information directly to educators. As we begin the new school year, VDOE encourages schools to include these resources in planning back-to-school events.

The [TeacherDirect page of the VDOE Web site](#) provides an informational video, promotional flier, and directions on how to [subscribe](#) to the weekly e-mail updates. This resource is not limited to classroom teachers: school administrators, central office staff, and other educational stakeholders also may subscribe to *TeacherDirect* using multiple e-mail addresses.

TeacherDirect Web site information includes:

- SOL NEWS contains weekly updated items of interest to classroom teachers of all grade levels and content areas. These include items such as new instructional resources, professional development activities, grant and scholarship opportunities;
- SOL EVENTS includes a monthly professional development calendar of conferences, webinars, and institutes; and
- SOL LIBRARY contains videos and narrated PowerPoint presentations on how the Standards of Learning are created and assessed, as well as VDOE materials available to support the SOL.

The weekly e-mails carry the subject line "*VDOE TeacherDirect*." As messages will come from a VDOE vendor not directly from the Department, school divisions may need to take steps to allow the updates to pass through Internet firewalls. Information that should be "whitelisted" to allow for receipt by division personnel are:

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Please share this information with your technical staff to ensure that your teachers are able to receive *TeacherDirect* updates on division e-mail accounts.

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