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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program Allocations under Provisions of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA)

Attached are the 2015-2016 Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program federal allocations for school divisions that qualify (Attachment A). The total amount of the Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, federal allocation is available through the reimbursement process as of July 1, 2015. The terms of the grant award for these funds are found in Attachment B.

ESEA specifies the following eligibility criteria for Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, funds: 1) 20 percent or more of the children ages 5-17 served by the division are from families with incomes below the poverty line; and 2) all public schools in the division have a locale code of 6, 7, or 8. Locale codes are assigned to schools according to U.S. Census data used by the National Education Data Resource Center. The definitions are listed below.

Locale code "6" – A school is located in a place that is outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and has a population of at least 2,500 persons but fewer than 25,000 persons.
Locale code "7" – A school is located in a place that is outside of an MSA and has a population of fewer than 2,500 persons.
Locale code "8" – A school is located in a place that is inside an MSA and has a population of fewer than 2,500 persons.

Based upon these criteria, the following school divisions are eligible for 2015-2016 Rural and Low-Income School Program funds:

Accomack County	Appomattox County	Brunswick County
Buchanan County	Buckingham County	Buena Vista City
Carroll County	Charlotte County	Colonial Beach, Town of
Covington City	Cumberland County	Dickenson County
Essex County	Franklin City	Galax City
Grayson County	Greensville County	Halifax County
Henry County	Lancaster County	Lee County
Lunenburg County	Martinsville City	Mecklenburg County

Middlesex County	Nelson County	Northampton County
Northumberland County	Norton City	Nottoway County
Patrick County	Prince Edward County	Richmond County
Russell County	Smyth County	Sussex County
Tazewell County	Westmoreland County	Wise County

The 2015-2016 grant funds are allocated to the eligible divisions above on a prorated basis using Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

If the school division has already received programmatic approval for the 2015-2016 Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, consolidated or individual application, it must be amended to reflect the current award indicated in Attachment A. If the school division has not submitted a Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, application, one must be submitted for review and approval.

Please direct all Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, questions to Gabie Frazier, Title I, Part A, and Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, specialist, at <u>Gabie.Frazier@doe.virginia.gov</u> or (804) 225-2907.

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Attachments:

- A. <u>Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income</u> <u>School Program, 2015-2016 Grant Allocations</u> (PDF) Attachment A was reissued Sept. 22, 2015 with revised allocations.
- B. <u>Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965</u> Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, Terms of Grant Award (PDF)