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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Analysis of Student Performance on the Spring 2013 Grades 3-8 Mathematics and Grades 3-8 Reading Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests

Statewide results for the spring 2013 grades 3-8 mathematics and grades 3-8 reading tests have been analyzed to determine specific content that may have challenged students. In order to support preparation of students for the Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments for these courses, PowerPoint presentations have been developed to provide information about the content for which student performance was weak or inconsistent. Any examples provided within the presentations are not SOL test items and are not meant to mimic SOL test questions. Instead, they are intended to provide educators with further insight into the concepts that challenged students statewide.

It is important to note that the SOL and examples highlighted in the presentations should not be the sole focus of instruction, nor should these suggestions replace the data that teachers or school divisions have collected on student performance. Rather, this information provides supplemental instructional information based on student performance across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The PowerPoint presentations for grades 3-8 mathematics and grades 5-8 reading can be found on the Virginia Department of Education Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/performance_analysis/index.shtml. The PowerPoint presentations for grades 3 and 4 reading will be posted by March 7, 2014.

Should you have any questions, please contact the student assessment staff by e-mail at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by phone at (804) 225-2102.

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