



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: EducationSuperHighway Statewide Broadband Pricing Project**

Earlier this month, Governor McAuliffe announced the launch of a statewide pricing project to identify ways to lower the cost of connectivity for school divisions across the Commonwealth. (See [Superintendent's Memo #157-14](#).) As a first step, a representative from every school division is being asked to participate in this initiative by submitting the division's E-rate 2014-2015 Item 21 attachment information through EducationSuperHighway's online portal located at [www.item21portal.org](http://www.item21portal.org).

Several informational webinars over the coming weeks will be held to provide a brief tutorial on using the portal and answer any questions participants may have. Please ask your representative to try to join one of the sessions listed below:

**Wednesday, June 25 – 3:00 p.m. EDT**

Link: <https://join.me/384-025-350>

Access Code: 384-025-350

**Wednesday, July 2 – 3:00 p.m. EDT**

Link: <https://join.me/369-862-865>

Access Code: 369-862-865

**Wednesday, July 9 – 3:00 p.m. EDT**

Link: <https://join.me/565-837-528>

Access Code: 565-837-528

To join via phone, dial (213) 226-1066 and enter the corresponding access code listed above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gail Warren, project coordinator, by telephone at (757) 470-3017 or via e-mail at [gail.warren@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:gail.warren@doe.virginia.gov).

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