



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Distribution of the R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine

The Virginia Department of Education in partnership with the Virginia Business Publications, LLC is pleased to provide the R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine, 2015 edition, *Apply your Learning*, for students enrolled in the sophomore class. This publication will be mailed to school counseling departments in November 2014 for distribution. The RU Ready Magazine provides information for students on the importance of making wise decisions about their future. Also, it includes a letter from Governor McAuliffe stating, “We need a world-class educational system that prepares students today for the careers of tomorrow.”

The R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine is part of a series of resources, including the teacher's guide, *Ready or Not*, and a parent's brochure. We are requesting the magazine be presented formally to students through a classroom guidance activity or by offering instruction as an extracurricular activity in collaboration with business/industry and postsecondary education partners.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Joseph Wharff, school counseling career connections specialist, Office of Career and Technical Education Services, at CTE@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at 804-225-2052.

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