



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2015 Tornado Drill

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the next Statewide Tornado Drill will take place Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 9:45 a.m. *The Code of Virginia* in § 22.1-137.1 requires all public schools to participate in at least one tornado drill each year. Participation in the March 17 statewide tornado drill will fulfill that requirement. *Schools may choose an alternate date or time if this is not convenient.*

For information on planning a drill and registering for the Statewide Tornado Drill, go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov and click on the tornado graphic. Registration for the drill is not required but does track statewide participation. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is requesting that schools register for the 2015 drill individually rather than by school division.

Questions about the Statewide Tornado Drill can be directed to Laura Southard, VDEM public outreach coordinator, at (804) 897-6510, or by e-mail at Laura.Southard@vdem.virginia.gov, or Jo Ann Burkholder, director, Office of Student Services, Virginia Department of Education at (804) 225-2818, or by e-mail at Joann.Burkholder@doe.virginia.gov.

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