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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Subscribe to *TeacherDirect* Weekly Updates

Last fall, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) launched *TeacherDirect*, an online service to provide Standards of Learning (SOL) resources and information directly to teachers.

As we begin 2013, VDOE has added a new feature that allows teachers – and other interested parties – to subscribe to weekly *TeacherDirect* e-mail updates. The updates will contain approximately 10 items that are new, have approaching deadlines, or are of high-interest to teachers.

The service is not limited to classroom teachers: school administrators, central office staff, parents, students, and other interested stakeholders also may subscribe to *TeacherDirect*. Users may subscribe with multiple e-mail addresses.

The weekly e-mails carry the subject line “VDOE TeacherDirect Update.” As messages will come from a VDOE vendor – not directly from the Department – school divisions may need to take steps to allow the updates to pass through Internet firewalls.

IP addresses that should be “whitelisted” to allow for receipt by division personnel are as follows:

- 209.20.66.246
- 209.20.66.122
- 67.207.141.46
- 209.20.70.71

Please share this information with your technical staff to ensure that your teachers are able to receive *TeacherDirect* updates on division e-mail accounts.

TeacherDirect information also is available on the VDOE Web site for those not wishing to subscribe. *TeacherDirect* content on the VDOE Web site is organized as follows:

- SOL NEWS contains weekly updated items of interest to classroom teachers of all grade levels and content areas. These include items such as new instructional resources, upcoming professional development activities, grant and scholarship opportunities, and student opportunities;
- SOL EVENTS includes a searchable professional-development calendar of conferences, webinars, and institutes that support the SOL program in all content areas; and
- SOL LIBRARY contains catalogs of all VDOE resources available to English, mathematics, science, and history and social science teachers; videos and narrated PowerPoint presentations on how the Standards of Learning are created and assessed, as well as VDOE materials available to support the SOL; and a special

assessment section that brings together in one place many resources and other information about Virginia's SOL tests.

TeacherDirect content – including information on how to subscribe to the weekly e-mail updates – is available at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/teacher_direct/index.shtml.

The attached flyer, with information on *TeacherDirect* and a link to subscribe for the weekly e-mail updates, is available for distribution to your teachers. For more information, please contact Dr. Christine Harris, director, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, at (804) 786-3925 or Christine.Harris@doe.virginia.gov.

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Attachment:

- a. [TeacherDirect Flyer](#) (PDF)