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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants and Resources

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce the award of nearly two million dollars in grants through the Title II-B: Mathematics and Science Partnership grant program and the development of an updated [Mathematics and Science Partnership](#) (MSP) Web site to share the resources developed by these grant projects.

The Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) program is intended to increase the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers. The Department sets priorities based on mathematics and science needs and asks school divisions and institutions of higher education to submit proposals to create partnerships to provide professional development for teachers. For the last four years, priorities have focused on support for teachers in implementing the 2009 *Mathematics Standards of Learning* and the 2010 *Science Standards of Learning*. More complete information on the 2013 MSP awards may be found in the Department's March 27, 2013, [press release](#).

The [MSP Web site](#) has been updated to include MSP project-developed resources including professional development models and materials, curricula developed by teachers participating in the projects, and videos of science and mathematics teachers. Each project is identified by institution, subject area, and grade band. An abstract of the project is offered for each project along with icons that allow for ease of navigation to projects that offer certain resources. As more resources are developed, they will be added to the Web site.

The MSP Web site also offers administrative resources for school divisions and institutions of higher education that are implementing an MSP program. It offers project directors resources such as a timeline, resources for reports, and regulations and guidance relevant for MSP grant implementation.

If you have questions regarding the Mathematics and Science Partnership program, please contact Eric Rhoades, director, Office of Science and Health Education, by e-mail at Eric.Rhoades@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 786-2481; or Kimberly Powell, grants and reports manager, at Kim.Powell@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3609.

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