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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Training Materials for the Implementation of Virginia's Teacher Evaluation Guidelines

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce additional resources now available to assist school divisions in aligning their current teacher evaluation systems with the *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers* and the *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers*, approved by the Board of Education on April 28, 2011, and effective on July 1, 2012. These new resources "[Teacher Evaluation Training Modules](#)" may be found on the Virginia Department of Education's Web site.

The training modules, consisting of a series of 13 video vignettes, are intended to support teachers, principals, and central office personnel as they implement the *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers*. The training modules focus on the topics that were addressed during the 2012 Summer Teacher Evaluation Institutes. Module topics provide educators with a detailed look into each component of the model teacher evaluation system and will assist in planning for and implementing the annual teacher evaluation cycle.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, via e-mail at Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov or telephone at (804) 371-2471.

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