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**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: 2013-2014 Academy for New Special Education Directors**

The first session of the Academy for New Special Education Directors is scheduled for September 10-11, 2013, in Richmond. This two-day session will provide an orientation to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and will include a review of special education regulations, policies and procedures. The VDOE will sponsor four additional two-day sessions throughout the year addressing relevant topics in-depth for new directors. Each new director will be assigned a veteran special education director as a mentor. A new special education director is defined as one who is new to their position and has not been a special education director in another location or was new after last year's Academy.

If your division has employed a new special education director, please provide his/her name, position/title, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address so that we can invite him/her to participate in this Academy. This information should be provided to Dr. Pat Abrams, director, Office of Special Education Instructional Services. If you have questions, Dr. Abrams can be contacted by phone at (804) 225-2707 or via e-mail [Pat.Abrams@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Pat.Abrams@doe.virginia.gov).

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