



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Distribution of the R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine

The Virginia Department of Education in partnership with the Virginia Business Publications, LLC, is pleased to provide the R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine, 2014 edition, *Connecting Classrooms to Careers*, for students enrolled in the sophomore class. This publication will be mailed to school counseling departments in October for distribution. It provides information for all students on the importance of making wise decisions about their future. Also, it includes a letter of endorsement from Governor McDonnell emphasizing the need to plan now for life after high school.

The R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine is part of a series of resources, including the teacher's guide, *Ready or Not*, and a parent's brochure. We are requesting the magazine be presented formally to students through a classroom guidance activity or by offering instruction as an extracurricular activity in collaboration with business/industry and postsecondary education partners.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Joseph Wharff, school counseling career connections specialist, Office of Career and Technical Education Services, at CTE@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at 804-225-2052.

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