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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: eMediaVA and SAS® Curriculum Pathways® Announce Integration Digital media distribution system to provide statewide access to SAS® Curriculum Pathways® interactive, standards-based resources

eMediaVA, a digital media distribution system developed by WHRO and supported by the Virginia Department of Education, announced that it has successfully integrated with SAS® Curriculum Pathways®. As a result, all of the award-winning SAS® Curriculum Pathways® interactive, standards-based resources will be available at no cost to all Virginia educators and their students through eMediaVA.

eMediaVA, available free of charge to all Virginia educators - public, private and home school - and their students, currently provides nearly 32,000 Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) correlated digital learning objects including video, audio, interactive and graphic elements from prominent national and Virginia-based sources like Colonial Williamsburg, NASA, PBS, NPR, the Smithsonian Museums, the National Archives, Virginia's public media stations, Norfolk Public Library, National Defense Education Program, The Mariners' Museum, the Science Museum of Virginia, and others.

Also available to educators at no cost, SAS® Curriculum Pathways® provides interactive, standards-based resources in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and Spanish for traditional, virtual, and home schools. SAS focuses on topics where doing, seeing, and listening provide information and encourage insights in ways conventional methods cannot. Built in accordance with how students learn, SAS provides centered activities with measurable outcomes and targets higher-order thinking skills. Materials are linked to state standards. Educators can use these resources in a variety of technology settings.

eMediaVA user accounts are provided (currently free of charge) on a division wide basis. A list of current participating divisions and division representative information may be found at www.emediava.org/about-us. All teachers in participating divisions can access eMediaVA and should contact their division representative for details.

Teachers in non-participating divisions should ask their central office to register by e-mailing a request to: contact@emediava.org.

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