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DATE: February 11, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Virginia Kindness Week, February 13-19, 2022

In honor of Virginia Kindness Week, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is encouraging schools to promote and celebrate kindness during the **week of February 13-19, 2022**.

The purpose of Kindness Week is to recognize that simple day-to-day acts of kindness enable our schools, communities, and state to be a kinder place to live, work, learn, and play. Schools can access resources to plan their Kindness Week initiatives on the VDOE's [Kindness Week webpage](#). Consider working to build awareness by creating a plan for school wide recognition and celebration of kindness, promoting kindness using the materials on the VDOE website and finding a way to recognize kindness in your school among students and staff. Additionally, we are excited to announce that the Virginia Department of Education has been recognized as a [Kindness Certified State Department of Education](#) by the *Great Kindness Challenge*. We hope you will consider becoming a [Kindness Certified School Division](#).

For more information

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bazemore, School Counseling Specialist, Office of Student Services, by email at Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 225-4024.

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