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DATE: March 4, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: National School Social Work Week, March 6-12, 2022

National School Social Work Week is March 6-12, 2022, and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) would like to recognize school social workers for their unique contributions in helping students achieve academic success.

School social workers are vital in supporting students' needs to optimize their learning and are instrumental in linking school leaders, families, and communities to help students succeed. Ideas for promoting and celebrating School Social Work Week are available at the [School Social Work Association of America \(SSWAA\)](#) website. The theme for 2022 is "Time to Shine" and school divisions are encouraged to join VDOE in recognizing Virginia school social workers for their dedication to students, families, and school communities.

For more information

Additional information on key roles that school social workers play can be found on the [VDOE School Social Work Services](#) webpage. If you have any questions, contact Maribel Saimre, Director, Office of Student Services, by email at Maribel.Saimre@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2818.

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