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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #058-22**

DATE: March 11, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Annual Local Mandate Assessment - Requesting Feedback**

As required by [§ 15.2-2903](#) of the *Code of Virginia* and [Executive Order 58](#) (2007), each year, the Commission on Local Government asks state agencies to evaluate selected legislative mandates placed on localities for their efficacy and impact. This year, the Virginia Department of Education will be reviewing six mandates, and we would like to request your help. The insight and feedback we receive from local school divisions, educational stakeholders, and area experts are an essential part of the assessment process.

Below is a list of the six mandates - four new mandates and two expanded mandates - up for review. You can find more information for each mandate, including a brief description of the mandate, relevant statutory and regulatory citations, and history in the [2022 Catalog of State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments](#) using the corresponding catalog number listed. More detail for each mandate is also provided in **Attachment A**.

1. Parents' Right to Review Anti-Bullying or Suicide Prevention AV Materials (Catalog No. SOE.DOE161)
2. Electronic Room Partitions (Catalog No. SOE.DOE162)
3. Modernization of Public School Buildings (Catalog No. SOE.DOE163)
4. Safety Training for School Administrator (Catalog No. SOE.DOE163)

5. Minimum Standards for New Construction and Renovation of School Facilities (Catalog No. SOE.DOE032)
6. School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan (Catalog No. SOE.DOE090)

You may submit feedback regarding the fiscal impact by returning the [Local Fiscal Impact Comments Form](#) (also provided as **Attachment B**) by email to the Virginia Department of Education. You can also provide general comments on the effectiveness or alternative means of accomplishing the goal of these mandates. Both the local fiscal impact comments form and general feedback should be submitted by email to policy@doe.virginia.gov.

All comments are due by **April 30, 2022**. Please feel free to share this request with staff or other stakeholders to solicit additional input.

If you do not have any input regarding the above mandates, a response is not required.

Thank you in advance for any feedback. We appreciate your time and insight.

For more information

For more information on the assessment process, visit the [Department of Housing and Community Development's page on agency assessment of mandates on local government](#).

Questions regarding the local mandate assessment process can also be directed to policy@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [2022 Local Mandate Assessment - Selected Local Mandates](#) (DOCX)
- B. Attachment: [Local Fiscal Impact Comments Form](#) (PDF)