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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #133-22

DATE: June 24, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Amendments by Governor Youngkin to the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget (HB 30 as Enrolled)

On June 15, 2022, Governor Youngkin offered amendments to the 2022-2024 biennial budget (HB 30 as Enrolled) that affect public education in Virginia. These amendments were adopted by the General Assembly on June 17, 2022. The budget was signed into law as Chapter 2 on June 22, 2022.

The amendments affecting public education in Virginia include:

- Expansion of the Early Reading Specialists Initiative
- Expansion of the bonus payment to additional regional schools and positions
- Amendments to college partnership laboratory school eligibility
- Amendments to the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit

These amendments affect the 2022-2024 biennial budget adopted by the 2022 Special Session I General Assembly on June 1, 2022. The details related to the 2022-2024 biennial budget were communicated by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to school divisions in [Superintendent's Memo #117-22](#) on June 6, 2022.

The 2022-2024 biennial budget provides an additional \$2.0 million in fiscal year (FY) 2023 and FY 2024 to expand the eligible schools for the Early Reading Specialists Initiative. The eligible

schools funded by this expansion are included in **Attachment A**. These schools will also be loaded into the RLRLM data collection. School divisions will certify acceptance of these state funds within the RLRLM certification, which will be communicated to school divisions via Superintendent's Memo on June 24, 2022. These state funds require a local match based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay.

The Governor's amendments also provide an additional \$5.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act federal pandemic relief funds for the FY 2023 bonus payments. The amendments expand eligibility to Academic Year Governor's Schools and Regional Alternative Education Programs. The amendment also expands the calculation of the bonus entitlement to positions inadvertently omitted from the calculated entitlement in HB 30 as Enrolled. The updated distributions for the bonus can be found in **Attachment B**. For additional information related to the bonus payments, please refer to [Attachment B of Superintendent's Memo #117-22](#).

The Governor's amendments also change some eligibility language in the *Code of Virginia* related to college partnership laboratory schools. The amendment expands eligibility to public higher education centers, institutes, and authorities; and institutions of higher education eligible for the Tuition Assistance Grant.

The Governor's amendments also restore the \$25.0 million limit on tax credits for donations to approved scholarship foundations under the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program.

The VDOE Budget Office will not provide another calculation template with these amendments. Please reference [Superintendent's Memo #117-22](#), its attachments, the calculation template published on June 6, 2022, and the attachments to this memo when planning state funding for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

For more information

The language amendments that affect public education are included in **Attachment C**. If you

have any questions concerning the information in this memorandum, please contact Budget Office staff at (804) 225-2025 or by email at doebudgetoffice@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Additional Schools Eligible for the Early Reading Specialist Initiative](#) (XLSX)
- B. Attachment: [Updated School Division Distributions for FY 2023 Bonus Payment](#) (XLSX)
- C. Attachment: [Budget Language Amendments Affecting K-12 Public Education](#) (DOCX)