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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
**Superintendent's Memo #045-21**

**DATE:** February 19, 2021  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Announcing Institute of Education Sciences' NAEP 2021 School Survey**

Beginning this month through June 2021, the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) at the U.S. Department of Education is administering a nationally and state-representative survey, known as the *NAEP 2021 School Survey*, to gather data on the impact of COVID-19 on students and the status of in-person learning.

The survey is being conducted in response to Executive Order 14000 which calls on the U.S. Secretary of Education to collect the “data necessary to fully understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and educators, including data on the status of in-person learning.”

The survey is designed to collect vital data with the least possible burden on schools, and will focus on essential and streamlined data from a sampling of schools that enroll students in grades 4 and 8 across the country and in Virginia, including:

- The share of the nation's schools that are open with full-time in-person instruction, open with online and in-person instruction, or fully remote;
- Enrollment by instructional mode by race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, English learner status, and disability status;
- Attendance rates by instructional mode by race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, English learner status, disability status, and housing status;
- Frequency of in-person learning for students;

- Average number of hours of synchronous instruction for students in remote instruction mode; and
- Student groups prioritized by schools for in-person instruction by selected school characteristics.

Schools in Virginia selected to participate will be contacted by IES staff this month. If schools in your division are selected to respond, I urge full participation in the *NAEP 2021 School Survey* as an essential data collection effort. The results will be used only to better understand the needs of students, the nature of the pandemic, its influence on NAEP scores, and to inform the field. The results will not be used for allocating or withholding federal funds in any way. In addition, all data will be aggregated and will not be publicly reported at the school-level.

### For more information

Questions about the *NAEP 2021 School Survey* can be directed to [Gina.Broxterman@ed.gov](mailto:Gina.Broxterman@ed.gov). You may also reach Ms. Latosha Branch, NAEP State Coordinator at the Virginia Department of Education, at 804-786-1939 or [Latosha.Branch@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Latosha.Branch@doe.virginia.gov).

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