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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #052-21**

DATE: February 26, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Second Periodic Reporting Requirement to Ensure Eligibility for Length of School Term Waiver**

As per [Superintendent's Memo #230-20](#), the Board of Education is requesting periodic reports from local school divisions regarding student instruction and early outcomes given the unique nature of instructional modalities being deployed this year due to COVID-19. Divisions must submit all period reports in order to be considered ineligible for the length of school term waiver process for the 2020-2021 school year.

Second Periodic Report Due: March 12, 2021

- The [Second Periodic Division Report Survey is now available online](#); the questions are attached below (Attachment A).
- Divisions must submit their report by Friday, March 12, 2021.
- Information submitted should reflect the operational status of the division as of **March 15, 2021**.
- A list of the questions in the periodic report survey is attached for reference; however, the survey must be completed through the link provided above.

The results of the survey are intended to inform the Board of Education's understanding of student outcomes and services, to ensure divisions are tracking student progress in meaningful ways throughout the year, and to shape technical assistance from the Virginia

Department of Education (VDOE). This survey is not meant to evaluate division compliance or performance.

The Second Periodic Report differs from the First Periodic Report (November 2020) in a few ways:

- One time questions have been removed, and some questions have been consolidated for easier completion;
- Questions have been added about the new flexibility for divisions to administer local alternative assessments in lieu of SOL assessments in select courses; and
- This report is in Survey Monkey, so it will appear a bit differently than the first report. Skip logic has been applied so not all respondents will answer all questions.

Additionally, the results from the survey will inform updates to the dynamic [State Map posted on the VDOE website](#).

The periodic report is in fulfillment of the requirement that divisions submit “periodic reports over the duration of the school year that include information about instructional delivery” as part of the modified length of school term waiver process for 2020-2021, as stated in Superintendent’s Memo #230-20 in subsection “2020-2021 Length of School Term Waiver Process.” Again, please be advised that divisions must submit all period reports in order to be considered ineligible for the length of school term waiver process for the 2020-2021 school year.

For more information

Questions regarding the length of school term waiver may be directed to the Office of Policy at (804) 225-2092 or policy@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [March 2021 Periodic Division Report Questions](#) (PDF)