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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
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DATE: March 5, 2021  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **National School Social Work Week, March 7-13, 2021**

National School Social Work Week is March 7-13, 2021, 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 the whole child and addressing students' social, emotional, physical, and environmental needs to optimize their learning. To close achievement gaps and promote systemic change, school social workers are instrumental in linking school leaders, families, and community groups to help all students succeed. Additional information on key roles that school social workers play can be found on the VDOE [School Social Work Services webpage](#). Ideas for promoting and celebrating School Social Work Week are available at [School Social Work Association of America \(SSWAA\)](#).

The VDOE invites local school divisions to honor and recognize the contributions of school social workers and the services they provide to students, families, administrators, educators, and communities.

## For more information

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