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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #153-21**

DATE: June 11, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Review of Family Life Education in the Commonwealth**

The 2021 Virginia General Assembly [amended the state budget](#) to require the Department of Education to conduct a review of Family Life Education in the Commonwealth. Each school division shall report to the Department on whether the division offers Family Life Education; how medical accuracy of the curriculum is determined; whether the curriculum includes instruction on a range of contraceptive options; whether instruction is provided on sexual orientation and gender identity; whether the curriculum is provided by school division staff or external organizations; and how often Family Life Education is provided.

The [electronic survey can be completed at Survey Monkey](#) and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. You can edit your responses until the survey closes on **June 30, 2021**.

For more information

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Payne, Specialist for Family Life Education, by telephone at (804) 371-0052 or by email at Elizabeth.Payne@doe.virginia.gov; or Vanessa Wigand, Coordinator for Family Life Education, by telephone at (804) 225-3300 or by email at Vanessa.Wigand@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Family Life Survey Questions](#) (DOCX)