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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #156-21**

DATE: June 11, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Data Collection: Education of Children in Foster Care**

Chapter 552, 2021 Special Session I Acts of Assembly (2021 Appropriation Act) provides state funds for the costs of prior year (Fiscal Year (FY) 2021) local operations and the local share of the FY 2022 (Summer 2021) Remedial Summer School program, as determined by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), for certain children placed in foster care. A detailed description of state funding requirements for Education of Children in Foster Care and instructions for completing the Foster Care data collection are provided in the Foster Care application in the [Single Sign-on for Web Systems](#) (SSWS) portal. Also provided in SSWS are the provisions from the appropriation act, the *Code of Virginia*, and Board of Education regulations pertaining to the education of children in foster care.

Please note that all school divisions must complete the Foster Care Data Collection through the SSWS portal even if your division is not requesting reimbursement. Once a division has successfully completed the Foster Care certification in SSWS, the division superintendent or designee will certify it electronically through the Superintendent's Data Collection Approvals (SDCA) application in SSWS. Please see the instructions in the Foster Care application in SSWS for additional information.

The Foster Care data collection is due to VDOE no later than **July 31, 2021**.

For more information

If you have any questions concerning this data collection, please contact the budget office staff at (804) 225-2025 or DOEBUDGETOFFICE@doe.virginia.gov.

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