## Commonwealth of Virginia
## Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #166-21

DATE:       June 25, 2021

TO:         Division Superintendents

FROM:      James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT:  **Final Virginia Preschool Initiative Slot Allocations for 2021-2022**

School division applications for the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) for 2021-2022 school year have been received and reviewed. The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm school divisions' final number of allocated VPI slots and participation in any of the VPI expansions and enhancements that were requested in the May 15 VPI Spring Application (including redistribution of slots, requested wait list slots, pilot for 3-year-olds, and community provider add-on). The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to confirm that all requests to participate in expansion and enhancement programs will be accommodated this year, resulting in more children than ever before accessing a quality preschool experience through the VPI program.

Attached are the final 2021-2022 VPI slot allocations for each VPI program. The attachment includes two tabs: 1) FY22 Final VPI Slot Allocations, and 2) Definitions (explanations for the slot allocations). Please note that the number of allocated slots for 4-year-olds and 3-year-olds are funded and awarded separately and cannot be exchanged for each other.

**Attachment A** provides information on:

- Final Number of VPI 4-year-olds a division may serve in 2021-2022 – *This reflects any added slots due to waitlist requested on the May 15 VPI Spring Application or, in some*

*cases, any reduced slots based on the number requested in the May 15 VPI Spring Application. All division wait list requests have been awarded.*

- Final Number of Pilot VPI 3-year-olds a division may serve in 2021-2022 – *This reflects the number of 3-year-old pilot seats awarded. All 3-year-old pilot requests have been awarded.*

- Total Number of Community Provider Slots a division may enroll and receive community provider add-on funds for in 2021-2022 – *This reflects the number of 4-year-old slots and 3-year-old slots that will receive the community provider add-on funds, if the slot is placed in a community provider setting. All community provider add-on requests have been awarded.*

VPI programs are funded based on student enrollment on October 1, 2021 as reported by divisions on the fall 2021 Student Record Collection (SRC). For the 2021-2022 school year, prorated funding for empty slots filled for the first time between October 2, 2021 and January 7, 2022 may be requested by school divisions through the fall VPI Verification Report process. Funding for these late enrollment slots is not guaranteed. Additional information regarding the fall VPI Verification Report will be shared with VPI Coordinators at a later date.

This communication is provided so that VPI program leaders can continue to plan and take action for serving children in your VPI classrooms as soon as possible. This means that more of your community's most vulnerable children, some of the most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, will have the opportunity to enter kindergarten ready for school and to fulfill their potential.

## For more information

If you need additional information or have questions about final VPI slot allocations, please contact Dr. Mark R. Allan, Associate Director of PreK Programs, by email at Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3665.

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A.  Attachment: Final Allocated VPI Slots by Division for 2021-2022 (XLSX)