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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #232-21

DATE: August 20, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Training Opportunity: Re-enrollment - Beyond the Basics**

The *Regulations Governing the Re-enrollment of Students Committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice*, [8 VAC 20-660-10 et. seq.](#), presents the procedures for re-enrollment of students into the public schools when they have been in the custody of the juvenile justice system and receiving instruction through local and regional detention centers and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). These regulations promote the exchange of educational information concerning students among DJJ, local and regional detention centers, and local educational agencies (LEAs). The regulations are intended to: (i) create a positive impact on the family, the students, court services, school divisions, and correctional centers, as they are seeking to continue the students education upon his or her release from a juvenile correction center; (ii) provide for the coordinated transfer of information by court services, school divisions, detention centers, and correctional centers in order to afford students timely involvement in appropriate educational programs; and (iii) enhance communication, cooperation, and coordination of services among the public systems required to provide for the educational needs of students released from correctional centers and detention centers.

To assist school divisions in satisfying the requirements of the above-referenced regulations, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will offer a virtual webinar training opportunity

related to the re-enrollment procedures on the date indicated below at the identified time:

Date: September 8, 2021

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon via ZOOM

Participants will need to [Pre-Register for the Re-enrollment Training](#). After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing instructions for joining the webinar.

The above-referenced regulations, at [8VAC20-660-10](#) defines a "re-enrollment coordinator" to mean the school division or state-operated program staff person designated to work with the parole officer, the Department of Correctional Education or detention home/center educational personnel, the transition team, the re-enrollment team, and the IEP Team, if applicable, to coordinate the development of the re-enrollment plan." As such, these individuals would be the targeted audience for participation in this training. However, in that several other personnel are required to be involved in the re-enrollment process, *this re-enrollment training is appropriate for anyone who is involved in the re-enrollment of students who leave the juvenile justice system and re-enroll into the public school system.* This could include special education directors, special education supervisors, guidance specialists, or other school personnel as deemed appropriate by the local school divisions. A review of the re-enrollment regulations will be the primary focus of the training. These regulations represent the structured procedures that will keep youth from losing academic ground as they transition back into their community schools. After a review of the regulatory requirements, there will also be a discussion of best practices relating to re-enrollment.

For more information

If you have any questions regarding online registration or this training opportunity, please contact Hank Millward, Director, Office of Facilities and Family Engagement, by email, at Hank.Millward@doe.virginia.gov or via telephone, at (804) 371-0525.

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