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**Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Department of Education  
Superintendent's Memo #003-22**

DATE: January 7, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Rosa S. Atkins, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **Training Options for Individuals Seeking Renewal of a License with an Endorsement as a School Counselor**

This memorandum is a follow up to [Superintendent's Memo Number 313-17](#), dated November 3, 2017. This communication provides school divisions with the training options for individuals seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement as a school counselor. Section [22.1-298.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia* requires that "every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement as a school counselor shall complete training in the recognition of mental health disorder and behavioral distress, including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse."

**Attachment A** to this memorandum provides training options for individuals to satisfy the requirement of § 22.1-298.1. Please share this information with those who are responsible for supervising school counselors, professional development, and licensure.

**For more information**

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Bazemore, School Counseling Specialist, Office of Students Services, by email at [Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov), or by telephone at (804) 225-4024.

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- A. Attachment: [School Counselor Licensure Renewal: Training Options and Documentation Forms](#) (DOCX)