# Superintendent’s Memo #216-20


**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

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

## SUBJECT: Virginia Civics Education and Engagement Survey for High School Students

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), in compliance with Item 134.I. of the 2019 Appropriation Act and in partnership with the Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory (SERL) at the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University, will conduct a brief online survey of high school students on civics education. The purpose of the survey is to understand how students feel about civic education and their level of civic engagement in their communities.

The VDOE will select specific schools within divisions to administer the online survey to high school students. Notification of selection and instructions for survey administration will be distributed in future Superintendent emails.

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