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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: Virginia Preschool Initiative Provisionally Licensed Teacher Incentive Program

To support early childhood education in Virginia's preschool classrooms, the 2018 Virginia General Assembly appropriated funds to support well-prepared teachers for children served through the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the VPI Provisionally Licensed Teacher Incentive Program. This program provides funding of no more than \$30,000 each for local school divisions for the sole purpose of providing financial incentives to provisionally licensed teachers teaching students enrolled in the VPI program. To qualify for the incentives, teachers must:

- teach VPI students, this includes provisionally licensed Early Childhood Special Education teachers who are responsible for providing instruction to VPI students;
- hold an active, **provisional** Virginia teaching license; and
- be actively engaged in taking coursework to satisfy licensure requirements reflected in the [Code of Virginia § 22.1-299](#). (The license that is being sought must include an appropriate endorsement in PreK-3, PreK-6, or Special Education Early Childhood.)

Additional information about VPI Provisionally Licensed Teacher Incentive Program grants and how to apply may be found in the [2018-2019 VPI Provisionally Licensed Teacher Incentive Program Application, Attachment A](#) of this memorandum. A school division interested in submitting an application must identify a representative to complete the application and communicate directly with qualified teachers. The grant application is due by 4 p.m. on November 30, 2018. VDOE will make official, hardcopy Grant Award Notifications to successful school division applicants no later than February 28, 2019.

If you need additional information or have questions about the VPI Provisionally Licensed Teacher Incentive Program, please contact Kim Powell, Grants and Reports Manager, Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, by email at Kim.Powell@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3609; or Dr. Mark R. Allan, Early Childhood Education Project

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[Attachment A](#) (WORD)