



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: August 24, 2018

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Freedom Flags

September 11, 2018 marks the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. To commemorate this historic event, the 2018 General Assembly passed [SB 754](#) designating the Freedom Flag as the official flag of remembrance of September 11, 2001. [Section 1-510](#) of the *Code of Virginia* officially designates the Flag of Remembrance of September 11, 2001, the Freedom Flag, designed by a Virginian, as the flag of remembrance of September 11, 2001.

The [Freedom Flag Foundation](#) (Foundation) is a non-profit public charity created to oversee the distribution of the Freedom Flag into schools, colleges, and universities. The Foundation has asked my office to encourage the K-12 public school community to consider raising the Freedom Flag and reciting the meaning of its 10 symbolic elements on September 11th in remembrance of the 17th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

For further information and questions, please contact the Freedom Flag Foundation at (804) 741-1117 or education@freedomflagfoundation.org.

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