



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: 2018 National Survey of Science and Mathematics Education (2018
NSSME+)**

In response to numerous requests for information regarding the status of K-12 STEM education in the United States, Horizon Research, Inc., is conducting the 2018 National Survey of Science and Mathematics Education (NSSME+). The purpose of this study is to assess changes over time and provide current data on essential elements of the STEM education system to inform future education policy and practice.

Beginning in February 2017, NSSME will begin contacting division superintendents and principals in a nationally representative sample of 2,000 schools and compiling lists of computer science, engineering, mathematics, and science teachers in September 2017. Questionnaire administration will begin in November 2017; an average of eight teachers in each sampled school will be asked to complete a 30-minute web-based survey focused on one of the fields of computer science, science, or mathematics instruction. Each teacher will receive a \$25 honorarium. *No data will be collected from students and there will be no intrusion on the instructional day.*

If your school is selected, thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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