



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Teacher Appreciation Week in Virginia May 8-12, 2017

On behalf of the Virginia Board of Education and the Department of Education, I am pleased to announce that Governor Terence R. McAuliffe has issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing May 8-12, 2017, as Teacher Appreciation Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I hope that you and others throughout your community will join me in acknowledging the commitment, enthusiasm, caring, professionalism and compassion our teachers extend to their students every day.

Teachers are vital to the growth and development of our children and to the future of our Commonwealth. Virginia takes great pride in recognizing and celebrating the impact teachers make in communities across the state. The Department of Education will be sharing #ThankATeacherVA messages all week long, in support of the national celebration, and of the Virginia Lottery's *Thank A Teacher* campaign.

Our goal is to show appreciation by joining with our partners, parents, and students to send messages of appreciation to public school teachers across the Commonwealth during this special week. Please join with us by sharing your appreciation at valottery.com/thankateacher, and by following @VDOE_News on Twitter and @VDOENews on Facebook for more ways to say thanks. Additional information about Virginia's observance of Teacher Appreciation Week can be found on our website: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/recognition/index.shtml>.

I hope that you and everyone in your community will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week by planning special events and taking some time to #ThankATeacherVA next week.

For additional information, please contact Leah Walker, Community and Minority Affairs Liaison, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, via email at Leah.Walker@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3304.

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Link:

[Governor Terence R. McAuliffe's Proclamation](#)