COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: May 26, 2017

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: **2017 Capital One Coders Regional Events – Save the Date**

To encourage and support STEM education in Virginia, Capital One and Virginia Secretary of Technology, Karen Jackson, have partnered together to bring **Capital One Coders Experience** to middle school girls across the state.

This statewide initiative is a free, fun, and interactive day open to all girls in grades 6, 7, and 8. No prior skillset is needed, only a desire to explore creative possibilities. The experience will provide students with a unique glimpse into a career in technology. Girls will be introduced to problem solving, team work, and basic principles of software development in hands-on environments in each of the Virginia Regions. This special one-day program teaches students how to create their own mobile applications using MIT App Inventor. At the end of the day, student teams will unveil their creations to a group of judges who will select the top 2-3 teams to attend the Capital One's Annual Women in Technology Summit on November 15, 2017, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center where they will continue their coding-rich experience and hear from inspirational female professionals in technology.

Additional information about the Capital One Coders Experience such as dates and locations are available as Attachment A of this memorandum. Any questions should be directed to Capital One by email at capitalonecoders@capitalone.com.

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Attachment:

   A. Capital One Coders Experience – Flyer (PDF)

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