



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Holistic Review of Statewide Technology Use

A reporting requirement approved by the 2016 General Assembly directs the Department of Education to holistically review the statewide use of technology in the classroom and all sources of digital content development and online learning such as virtual courses and innovative blended learning language and literacy technology options. The review is to include, but not be limited to, various types of technology currently used in the classroom and how any such technology are used and coordinated with the various types of digital content or online options that support student academic improvement.

In accordance with this legislative directive, the Department of Education is conducting two technology surveys. One survey is for Technology Directors regarding divisionwide technology usage. The second survey is for Instructional Technology Resource Teachers or other school-based technology personnel regarding how teachers and students use technology. The information collected from the surveys will be aggregated for a final report to the General Assembly. Individual responses will not be shared. The surveys will be made available as of November 11, 2016. Please complete the surveys by December 31, 2016.

The Technology Directors survey (division technology usage) is located at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Division_Tech_Survey. Only one person in the division should complete the survey.

The school-based technology personnel survey (building technology usage including student and teacher activity) is located at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/School_Tech_Survey. Technology Directors are asked to ensure that the appropriate person in each school of their division completes the school-based survey.

Please see attached a PDF version of each of the survey questions.

Questions should be directed to Jean Weller, Educational Technology Specialist, Office of Technology and Virtual Learning, at jean.weller@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2825.

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Attachments:

- A. [Holistic Review of Statewide Technology Use](#) (PDF)
- B. [Technology Usage Survey for School-based Technology Personnel](#) (PDF)

