



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia High Schools Participate in National Voter Registration Month

All Virginia public high schools are invited to participate in a special statewide virtual voter registration drive. The Virginia Department of Education is partnering with the Department of Elections to encourage eligible youth in the Commonwealth to register to vote in time for this November's election.

The purpose of the virtual registration drive is to provide information on voter eligibility requirements and the registration process. Students who will be 18 years old by the General Election on November 3, 2015, are citizens of the United States, and are residents of Virginia are eligible to vote.

Students are encouraged to participate in the online voter registration drive by visiting www.vote.virginia.gov. Students may also register by completing a registration application and mailing it to either their local registration office or the address printed on the form. The deadline to register for the 2015 General Election is October 13.

The November election will be statewide and Virginia citizens will be electing local and state officials. It is important that all eligible voters exercise their civic responsibility to participate in the election process. When young people register and vote they are more likely to continue voting. By providing information and encouragement to our students, we can help shape the next generation of American voters. The Department of Education encourages all high schools to participate in this opportunity to promote civics education and civic responsibility.

For more information please visit: www.elections.virginia.gov or call 800-552-9745.

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