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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Distribution of the R U “College & Career” Ready Magazine**

The Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with Virginia Business Publications, LLC, is pleased to provide the R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine, 2016 edition, *Elevate Your Learning*, for students enrolled in the sophomore class. This publication will be mailed to school counseling departments November 2015 for distribution. We are requesting the magazine be presented formally to students through a classroom guidance activity or by offering instruction as an extracurricular activity in collaboration with business/industry and postsecondary education partners.

In the magazine, Governor McAuliffe’s letter emphasizes the importance of career planning and preparation, commenting that “Virginia needs new talent. We need a diversified and flexible economy of a highly-skilled, highly-trained workforce.” The R U Ready Magazine provides information for students on the importance of making wise course taking decisions. It is part of a series of resources, including the teacher’s guide, *Ready or Not*, and a parent’s brochure. These resources will be available on the Virginia Department of Education Web site in December.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Acuff, marketing and related cluster specialist, Office of Career and Technical Education, at [CTE@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:CTE@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3119.

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