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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Digital Learning Day – February 5, 2014

The Virginia Department of Education, in cooperation with the Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) and the Alliance for Excellent Education, is pleased to announce February 5 as Digital Learning Day. This event is part of a national campaign designed to celebrate innovative teaching and highlight practices that make learning more personalized and engaging for students; explore how digital learning can provide all students with the opportunities they deserve; and build the skills students need to succeed in college, career, and life. It also provides an opportunity to highlight the use of digital learning resources such as the [e-Learning Backpack Initiative](#), e-Learning Backpack resources, and Department of Education [technology initiatives](#).

All education stakeholders are invited to register for Digital Learning Day. Participants will have access to toolkits outlining ideas and ways to plan their celebration as well as updates, informational videos, webinars, and other resources.

Several activities will be held on February 5 to highlight and celebrate participants across the nation. VSTE will host webinars that highlight technology innovations being implemented in local school divisions around the state. To view the webinars on Digital Learning Day, go to <http://www.vste.org/index/learn/webinar>. Schools, libraries, community programs, and classrooms are invited to showcase how they are using digital media to improve teaching and learning.

To learn more about this event go to <http://www.digitallearningday.org>.

Questions regarding Digital Learning Day should be directed to Mark Saunders, educational technology specialist, at mark.saunders@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 786-0307.

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