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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Additional End-of-Course (EOC) Writing Prompts Available for Tests Based on the 2010 *English Standards of Learning*

As referenced in Superintendent's Memorandum No. 317-12 dated November 30, 2012, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) posted a list of writing prompts based on the 2010 *English Standards of Learning* for each new writing test. It was noted in the superintendent's memorandum that additional prompts might be added to these lists as more prompts become available for use on the tests.

At this time, eleven additional writing prompts have been added to the End-of-Course (EOC) writing list and may be found at the end of the EOC list. These eleven additional prompts are not eligible for use on the EOC writing test until the 2014-2015 school year. There have been no additional prompts added to either the grade 5 or grade 8 writing prompt lists. A notification will be sent to divisions should more writing prompts be added to any grade level writing prompt list.

The list of currently available prompts for each test is available on the VDOE Web site at:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/english/2010/online_writing/index.shtml#writing_prompts.

If you have any questions, please contact the student assessment staff at student_assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2102.

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