



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Recommendations for 2014 Commonwealth Talent Pool

The Department of Education has established a talent pool that consists of a cadre of distinguished teachers and administrators in Virginia's public schools. Candidates from the pool may be considered for membership on advisory boards and task forces and serve on state committees.

For 2014, please submit recommendations for at least two elementary (grades K-5) classroom teachers and one elementary administrator (principal or assistant principal) from your school division who exhibit strong potential for professional leadership and who make a positive impact on students, colleagues, and the community. The two classroom teachers recommended should be in their early to mid-careers with between five and 18 years of experience. (Names of regional teachers of the year should not be submitted since the Department maintains a database of those individuals.) Principals recommended should be in their first 10 years of employment as administrators and should not have more than 20 total years of experience. Candidates must be individuals who are recognized by peers and supervisors for their achievements.

Please submit your confidential recommendations on the attached form. All questions must be answered. Also, please attach to this form a one-page letter that specifies how the candidate meets the criteria mentioned in this memorandum. Complete information should be sent by **Friday, March 28, 2014**, to Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, P. O. Box 2120, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120.

I look forward to your participation in this initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Carver at JoAnne.Carver@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 371-2475.

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Attachment:

- a. [Virginia Department of Education 2014 Commonwealth Talent Pool Recommendation Form for Elementary \(K-5\) Teacher and Administrator](#) (Word)