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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Passing Scores for the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge Test (5857)

The Board of Education prescribes the professional teacher's assessment requirements for initial licensure in Virginia as set forth in Section 22.1-298.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The Praxis II Specialty Area Tests are required for endorsement (content) areas. The Praxis II assessment currently required for individuals seeking an initial license with an endorsement in Health and Physical Education PreK-12 is the Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0856/5856) test.

Effective June 30, 2015, this licensure assessment will be discontinued in Virginia. Effective July 1, 2015, the Virginia Board of Education's prescribed assessment will be the new Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), that administers the Praxis II assessments. On March 27, 2014, the Virginia Board of Education approved the passing score of 160 (74 raw-score points) for the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) test.

Score reports for individuals who have or will have taken the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) test prior to July 1, 2015, will be accepted for licensure provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken. Information on professional teacher's assessments in Virginia may be accessed at the following Web site:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf.

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