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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Online Textbook Marketplace and Resource Center

The Virginia Department of Education is exploring the development of an online textbook marketplace and resource center that may be used by those school divisions interested in accessing digital textbooks and supporting resources. The purpose of this platform will be to provide authorized users with the ability to purchase electronic textbooks, individual sections of textbooks, supplemental resources, and other offerings from various content providers. Participation will be optional and will include textbooks that have been approved by the Virginia Board of Education.

As part of the planning process, we are interested in learning what resources, in addition to approved textbook offerings, schools might find beneficial. If you have suggestions about specific resources or content providers that should be included as potential marketplace vendors, please contact Jean Weller, instructional technology specialist, in the Office of Digital Innovations and Outreach at (804) 225-2825 or via e-mail at jean.weller@doe.virginia.gov.

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