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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 Start-Up Grants for Extended School Year (Year-Round) Schools

This memo provides information about a new grant opportunity for school divisions interested in implementing year-round schools. The 2014 Appropriation Act includes state funding in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 for Extended School Year Start-up Grants to assist school divisions in implementing extended school year models.

The start-up grants will fund implementation of extended school year programs (year-round schools) opening in either the 2014-2015 or the 2015-2016 school year. Each year-round school may receive up to \$300,000 per year from total grant funds of \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2015 and \$2.4 million in fiscal year 2016. (For the specific budget language, see [Item 135.R.1](#) of the 2014 Appropriation Act.) School divisions may apply next year for a fiscal year 2016 Start-up Grant for schools awarded a Start-up grant in fiscal year 2015.

The 2014 Appropriation Act gives first priority to those school divisions awarded planning grants in fiscal year 2014 and the College Readiness Center pilot and next priority to schools "based on need, relative to the most current state accreditation ratings or similar federal designations."

All school divisions interested in applying for a fiscal year 2015 Start-up Grant must submit a completed PDF of the attached application by 5:00 p.m., **August 15, 2014**, to the Department of Education, Office of Policy, at policy@doe.virginia.gov. If the application is not received by the deadline, it may not be considered.

Attached you will find instructions and the application for the fiscal year 2015 Start-Up Grant. Please contact the Office of Policy at (804) 225-2092 or policy@doe.virginia.gov with any questions.

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Attachments:

- A. [Instructions – Fiscal Year 2015 Extended School Year \(Year-Round\) School Start-Up Grant](#) (PDF)
- B. [Application – Fiscal Year 2015 Extended School Year \(Year-Round\) School Start-Up Grant](#) (Word)