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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Read for the Record, October 21, 2014

The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Commission of the States, encourages all parents, teachers, and caregivers to join them in celebrating Read for the Record, October 21, 2014. Read for the Record is a national campaign designed to encourage hundreds of thousands of children and adults to read the same book on the same day, October 21, 2014. The Virginia Department of Education is proud to be a part of helping to set a world record related to this activity.

The ability to read is the foundation of literacy and is the single most important activity for building knowledge for personal success; therefore, individuals in school divisions in the Commonwealth are urged to set aside time to read to a child. It is my hope that reading to a child will provide a reading role model, and that it will help motivate all children to develop a passion for reading, a love for books, and an appreciation for lifelong learning.

The Read for the Record Web site can be accessed at <http://www.readfortherecord.org>. On this Web site, you can register to read to a child, obtain information on the selected book, and find out ways you can share your involvement with friends, family, and your community.

Further information may be obtained from Thomas Santangelo, specialist for reading and English, by e-mail at Thomas.Santangelo@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3203.

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