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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Two Training Events: *Bullying in Special Education Populations and Trauma and Youth*

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Division of Special Education and Student Services, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) are collaborating to provide two training events focusing on *Best Practices for Addressing Bullying in Special Education Populations* and *Trauma and Youth: Understanding the Impact of Trauma through A Shared Learning Collaborative*. The goals of the training events are: (1) to address the unique circumstances surrounding students receiving special education services involved in behaviors of bullying others, being the victim of bullying behaviors, or both; and (2) to gain information and skills to work in a trauma-informed capacity with challenging students.

The trainings are intended for special education directors and coordinators, administrators, school psychologists, school social workers, counselors, nurses, student assistance specialists, and other professionals working with at-risk students or students involved in the juvenile justice system. The first training will be held September 8-10, 2014, in Charlottesville, Virginia at the [Omni Charlottesville Hotel](#) and repeated on September 24-26, 2014, in Richmond, Virginia at the [Wyndham Virginia Crossing Hotel and Conference Center](#).

The day long training, *Best Practices for Addressing Bullying in Special Education Populations*, will be September 10, 2014 and September 24, 2014. The *Trauma and Youth: Understanding the Impact of Trauma through a Shared Learning Collaborative* will be held on September 8-9, 2014 and September 25-26, 2014. Individuals are encouraged to attend training events but may attend only the one-day *Best Practices for Addressing Bullying in Special Education Populations* session.

There is no cost for the training but participants are responsible for lodging, travel and per diem. Lunch will be provided for all three training days. The DCJS is managing the registration site. Please click on this link to [DCJS Training and Events](#) to register. Registration is limited to 150 participants and will be accepted in the order received. Registrants will receive a confirmation notice via e-mail from DCJS.

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