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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Computer Adaptive Testing Resources

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce the addition of new resources to the [Standards of Learning \(SOL\) & Testing](#) Web site. These resources have been developed to support school divisions as they prepare for the implementation of computer adaptive testing. Beginning in fall 2014, the Grade 6 Mathematics SOL test will be administered as a computer adaptive test, as announced in [Superintendent's Memo #189-14](#) on Friday, July 18, 2014.

The first new resource is a video entitled "[A Guide to Computer Adaptive Testing.](#)" Approximately 2 min and 45 seconds in length, this online video provides a general overview of the basic principle of computer adaptive testing.

The second new resource is a video entitled "[Computer Adaptive Testing in Virginia.](#)" Approximately 4 minutes and 45 seconds in length, this online video expands upon the basic principle of computer adaptive testing and provides information specific to its use in Virginia.

Additionally, a "[Frequently Asked Questions about Computer Adaptive Testing](#)" document has been developed to help students, parents, and school division staff begin to understand some of the characteristics of computer adaptive testing.

The Virginia Department of Education is developing additional resources related to computer adaptive testing and will add these resources to this Web site as they become available.

Questions regarding these resources should be directed to student assessment staff at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2102.

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