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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Technical Edits to the Virginia Studies Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework, VS.2g

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding technical edits to the Virginia Studies Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework, which was approved by the Virginia Board of Education on July 27, 2008. The technical edits are based on the passage of three Joint Resolutions during the 2010 Virginia General Assembly to give state recognition to three tribes: the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, the Nottoway Indian Tribe, and the Patawomeck Indian Tribe.

In Virginia Studies, VS.2g, the following additional language has been amended or added. Today, eleven American Indian tribes in Virginia are recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The names of the three additional tribes: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, the Nottoway Indian Tribe, and the Patawomeck Indian Tribe are included under the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region.

These technical edits will not affect Virginia Studies Standards of Learning testing until the next *History and Social Science Standards of Learning* revision in 2015.

The revised Virginia Studies Curriculum Framework page containing the underlined technical edits can be found in [Attachment A](#). The full Virginia Studies Curriculum Framework is available online at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/frameworks/history_socialscience_frameworks/2008/2008_final/frameworks_virginia_studies.pdf.

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Attachment:

- a. [Technical Edits to the Virginia Studies Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework](#) (PDF)