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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #004-22**

DATE: January 7, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Rosa S. Atkins, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Transfer Virginia Provides Broader Access to Higher Education**

The [Transfer Virginia Portal](#) was initiated by state legislation and built collaboratively by the institutions of learning in Virginia. The portal provides transparent, accessible, consistent, and current information to students throughout the college selection, enrollment, and transfer process. Students can research, plan, and organize their college and transfer journey using the information and resources available within this portal from Virginia's participating institutions. *Transfer Virginia* directly serves all students in high school and beyond who aspire to enroll in a Virginia college or university either as a first-time student or as a transfer student.

The legislative goal of providing broader access to higher education for all students depends on a collective effort to make the portal accessible and to promote its use to students across the Commonwealth.

There are three ways that K-12 schools in Virginia can support this work and provide access to students and staff:

1. Share the [Transfer Virginia Portal Early Release flyer](#) to announce that the *Transfer Virginia Portal* is now live.

2. Share the [Transfer Virginia Portal Training](#) document for training dates and additional information about portal training specific to serving high school students with teachers and staff, especially at the secondary level.
3. Assure that the portal is accessible to students, families, teachers, and staff through division and local web pages, as well as on resource documents. Refer to the [K-12 Posting of Portal Guide](#) for specifications and details.

The full portal rolls out in **March 2022**, which is when schools can consider featuring the portal on their landing pages and using social media avenues to promote the portal.

For more information

For questions related to Transfer Virginia, please contact Patricia Parker, Transfer Virginia Director, by email at PParker@vccs.edu. For questions related to K-12 college and career readiness, please contact Brittany Everett, Postsecondary Access and Success Specialist, Office of Student Services, by email at Brittany.Everett@doe.virginia.gov.

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