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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
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**DATE:** February 12, 2021  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Digital Learning Day: Joint North Carolina and Virginia RISE OER Unconference**

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Digital Learning Day, on February 25, 2021, #GoOpenNC and #GoOpenVA will be hosting a free unconference around how openly-licensed resources (OER) support educators to “rise” to the challenges of the pandemic and post-pandemic learning environment.

The RISE OER Unconference is free to all educators and will be held virtually from 2:30-5:00 pm (EST) on February 25. [Registration](#) by February 24 is required.

The unconference format will promote sharing among educators of our two states, organized around essential questions regarding materials, strategies and tools. Educators may self-select into groups of people with the same role as themselves, or they may choose to join a group made up of a variety of educators.

We invite all educators to come, share, and learn as we celebrate how Digital Learning and openly-licensed resources can truly help educators not just reinvent, but rise above challenges we all face.

## For more information

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