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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #091-21

DATE: April 9, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **School Lunch Hero Day - May 7, 2021**

The Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs (VDOE-SNP) and the School Nutrition Association (SNA) encourage schools and nutrition program sponsors to celebrate **School Lunch Hero Day** on May 7, 2021. School Lunch Hero Day is a chance to recognize and celebrate school nutrition professionals' work in providing healthy school meals, big smiles, and encouraging words to support Virginia students.

The School Lunch Hero Day campaign provides ideas and resources to recognize school nutrition professionals such as printable cards, sample morning announcements, and signs and banners for the schools. Additional celebration ideas include serving healthy choices at a staff recognition lunch, collaborating with classroom teachers to invite students to write thank you notes to nutrition staff, or highlighting staff at the next school board meeting. The SNA website and the School Lunch Hero Day website provide free resources and graphics for School Lunch Hero Day.

For more information

The VDOE-SNP is interested in hearing about local events, activities, and social media posts.

Please share information or direct any questions about School Lunch Hero Day to Laura Burns, VDOE-SNP Wellness Policy Specialist, via email at Laura.Burns@doe.virginia.gov.

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