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TO: Division Directors of Testing

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SUBJECT: Virtual Training Session (Module 2) for the New Virginia Alternate Assessment

Program (VAAP)

The Department of Student Assessment, Accountability, and ESEA Programs and the Department of Special Education and Student Services will offer virtual training (Module 2) for the new Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP). Module 2 will focus on student participation in the new VAAP. The session will include an overview of important test information, including discussions regarding the online and paper presentations of the items, as well as testing conditions and accommodations that will help students show their knowledge and skills on reading, mathematics and science content based on the Virginia Essentialized Standards of Learning.

Module 2 will be repeated five times during the month of September to accommodate the busy schedules of school personnel. Registration information and links are provided below. Please forward this memo with school administrators, teachers and other school staff who are serving students with significant cognitive disabilities. Your assistance in ensuring that this information is received by persons in your division is critical and greatly appreciated.

Registration Information for VAAP Training - Module 2: Student Participation

| Dates and Times (Session is repeated.) | Registration Link |
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| Tuesday, September 14, 2021 2:00 -3:30 pm | Select to register. |
| Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Select to register. |
| Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:30 – 6:00 pm | Select to register. |
| Monday, September 27, 2021 4:30 – 6:00 pm | Select to register. |
| Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:00 – 10:30 am | Select to register. |

Upon completing a registration, individuals will receive a confirmation email from the Office of Student Assessment. If you have questions about Module 2 webinars, please contact student assessment staff at Student Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2102.

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