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TO: Division Directors of Testing
Directors of Special Education

FROM: Shelley Loving-Ryder, Assistant Superintendent
Department of Student Assessment, Accountability, and ESEA Programs

Samantha Hollins, Assistant Superintendent
Department of Special Education and Student Services

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Training Module 2 for the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program

The Department of Student Assessment, Accountability, and ESEA Programs and the Department of Special Education and Student Services is offering a training module for the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) that will focus on instructional strategies and practices for teaching the Science Virginia Essentialized Standards of Learning (VESOL) to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3-8 and high school.

The training module will be presented by staff from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the VDOE's Training and Technical Assistance Centers (TTACs). Registration information for the training module in science is provided below. Details for future training modules in reading and mathematics will be provided at a later date in a separate correspondence.

Please share this information with teachers, administrators, central office personnel, and other staff who serve students with significant cognitive disabilities. Advanced registration, using a link below for the desired webinar, is required. After completing an online registration, a confirmation email will be sent from the Office of Student Assessment to the registered participant.

Training Module 2 – Instructing Students on the Science VESOL

Date/Time	Registration Link
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Select or copy this link to register.
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Select or copy this link to register.

Date/Time	Registration Link
Thursday, October 20, 2022 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Select or copy this link to register.
Monday, October 24, 2022 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Select or copy this link to register.

Questions regarding this information should be addressed to student assessment staff at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2102.

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