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SUPT'S EMAIL: Virginia LEARNS Resources Preview

This spring the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) convened a group of diverse leaders and practitioners from across the Commonwealth to provide expertise into the agency's next round of guidance for public schools. Called Virginia LEARNS (Leading, Engaging, Assessing, Recovering, Nurturing, Succeeding), this workgroup met a number of times to strategize best practices in addressing the opening of schools to in-person instruction, supporting recovery from unfinished learning, and supporting the social and emotional needs of students and school staff.

Practitioners included a cross section of the educational community—both those that work and lead within public schools and those that partner with public schools—and considered issues around instruction, educational equity, school safety, learners with disabilities, parental support, technology and virtual learning, and student assessment. The VDOE believes the result of this collaboration will provide schools and school partners with support in how to address student needs this summer and in preparation for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

While the official release of the Virginia LEARNS guidance will take place in mid-April, we wanted to share with you now two resources so that you can begin planning for addressing unfinished learning in the coming months. These are included in the digest of this email.

For more information

For more information about the Virginia LEARNS workgroup and the Department's upcoming release of guidance, contact Dr. Linda Reviea, Special Projects Coordinator, at Linda.Reviea@doe.virginia.gov or by phone: (804) 786-5834.

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Resources:

- Wellness Checkpoint (PDF)
- Considerations for Learning Loss (PDF)