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**Department of Education**

**DATE:** April 27, 2018  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT: Letter to Parents of Rising Sixth-Grade Students Regarding Human Papillomavirus Vaccine**

The 2007 General Assembly passed legislation that requires the Virginia Department of Health to provide parents/guardians of rising sixth-grade girls with information on the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that girls 11-12 years old receive the vaccine. In 2011, the CDC provided additional recommendation that boys 11-12 years old also receive the HPV Vaccine.

For additional information on HPV, please visit the following [website link](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/) <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>: This link takes you out of the Virginia Department of Education website. .

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will no longer provide print copies of the HPV letter for distribution to parents/guardians. School divisions must print copies of the HPV letter or provide the letter on their website, in the student handbook or during orientation.

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