

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF PRE-LABOR DAY OPENING
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR**

School Division _____ Date Submitted _____

Date this waiver request was approved by your local school board: _____

By my signature, I certify that this school division meets the criteria listed below to seek approval of a waiver of the provisions of § 22.1-79-1 of the Code of Virginia requiring schools to open after Labor Day (check those applicable):

_____ This school division was closed an average of at least eight instructional days in five of the past ten years due to inclement weather, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.

School Year	No. of Days Missed
2002-2003	
2001-2002	
2000-2001	
1999-2000	
1998-1999	
1997-1998	
1996-1997	
1995-1996	
1994-1995	
1993-1994	

_____ The school division has one or more of its elementary, middle or high schools, excluding the electronic classroom, which are dependent on and provided in one or more elementary, middle, or high school of another division that qualifies for a waiver based on item 1 above. Provide a list of each of the schools in your division that meet this criterion and the schools in the other division upon which they are dependent on the sheet provided along with the additional information requested. *(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)*

The schools listed below are operating an experimental or innovative program that has been previously approved by the Board of Education that requires the school to open prior to Labor Day. (*Attach additional sheets if necessary.*) In accordance with action taken by the Board of Education in 2001, an evaluation of the results of the program is attached. If no evaluation is attached, please explain why it is not. New approvals require a separate application. Please contact the Division of Accountability Services for additional information.

School No.	School Name	Program Description	State Board Approval Date

Signature, School Board Chair

Signature, Division Superintendent

Please return no later than January 31, 2003 to:

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