

Dear Principal,

The Superintendent's memo 016-12 dated January 20, 2012, announced the collection of data for the *Virginia School Health Profile*. The *School Health Profile* is conducted biennially as part of the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) cooperative agreement with the Division of Adolescent and School Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For 2012, 420 schools, representing 122 school divisions, have been randomly selected to receive the survey. The data collected and presented in aggregate to improve school health policies and programs in our schools.

Your school was chosen through a random selection process to participate in this survey. Enclosed are two questionnaire booklets — one for you, the principal, to complete, and one for the lead health education teacher. This teacher may be your only health education teacher, the department chair, or the most senior health education teacher. If a school does not have an identified Lead Health Teacher, it is appropriate for the Health, Physical Education, and Family Life teachers to complete the survey as a department.

Your response to this survey is very important. The Profiles are critical for designing and administering programs to meet the needs of our students and to provide a basis for future requests for funding. Although participation is voluntary, completed and returned questionnaire booklets from both you and your lead health education teacher will help provide a more accurate portrayal health education in Virginia public schools.

Please return the completed questionnaire booklets in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope by March 9, 2012. Please do not fold the questionnaire booklet. If you have any questions, please call Caroline Fuller, comprehensive school health specialist, at 804-225-2431 or caroline.fuller@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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