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## **VDOE Names Chief Academic Officer**

Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples today announced that John William “Billy” Haun of Charlottesville will become the Virginia Department of Education’s chief academic officer, taking the position of assistant superintendent of instruction on September 1.

“I am delighted that Billy is bringing his knowledge, leadership and innovative ideas to the department, Staples said. “He has extensive experience in all areas of public education and will be a real asset as we move forward with educational reform that will prepare Virginia students for the future.”

Haun is currently the assistant superintendent for student learning in Albemarle County Public Schools. He began his career in 1980 as a middle school classroom teacher and coach in Pulaski County, and subsequently taught mathematics and coached at high schools in Wythe County, Tazewell County, Caroline County and finally in Albemarle County in 1994. Haun was promoted to assistant principal of Western Albemarle High School in 1997, principal of Walton Middle School in 2000 and Monticello High School in 2003 and became Albemarle County’s assistant superintendent for student learning in 2009.

Haun earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1980 from Virginia Tech, a master’s degree in education administration and supervision from Shenandoah University in 1997 and a doctorate in education administration from the University of Virginia (UVA) in 2011.

In addition to numerous honors, Haun has been a presenter at educational leadership conferences and an adjunct instructor at UVA.

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