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Media Advisory: VDOE Employees Volunteer to Read Across America

Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples and more than 30 volunteers from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will read aloud to students in 20 schools in seven Richmond-area school divisions next week as part of the annual Read Across America campaign.

Staples will participate in a reading rally at Chimborazo Elementary School on Monday, March 2, at 9 a.m. After the rally, the state superintendent will read to children in a classroom. The school is located at 3000 East Marshall Street in Richmond.

“Read Across America is an opportunity for adults to connect with children about the importance of reading and about how reading opens doors and expands horizons,” Staples said. “VDOE employees are excited about participating this year, especially those employees whose duties typically don’t take them into the schools we serve.”

Department employees next week will read aloud in classrooms in Caroline County, Chesterfield County, Cumberland County, Hanover County, Henrico County, Petersburg and Richmond.

Read Across America is an initiative of the National Education Association to promote reading and literacy. The annual observance is timed to coincide with the birthday of children’s author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss.

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Editors’ Notes:

- Governor Terry McAuliffe will read to students at A.P. Hill Elementary School, 1450 Talley Avenue in Petersburg on Monday, March 2, at 12:30 p.m.
- Secretary of Education Anne Holton will read to students at Blackwell Elementary School, 300 East 15th Street in Richmond on Monday, March 2 at 11 a.m. and to students at Chimborazo Elementary on Tuesday, March 3 at 9:15 a.m.