



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. Box 2120

Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120

SNP Memo #07-08-06

To: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons
School Nutrition Programs

From: Lynne A. Fellin, Acting Director
School Nutrition Programs 

Date: September 7, 2007

SUBJECT: *Healthy Virginians/Healthy Students Week* - September 17-21, 2007

The General Assembly has designated the third week in September 2007, and in each succeeding year, as *Healthy Virginians/Healthy Students Week*. In observance of this first *Healthy Virginians/Healthy Students Week*, you are encouraged to create special events, highlight the healthy choices available on breakfast and lunch menus, and collaborate with health and physical education teachers, school nurses, and others to promote good health for students.

Following is an excerpt from HJ726:

“...the General Assembly supports that the school divisions across the Commonwealth be urged to use the Scorecard for the Governor’s Nutrition and Physical Activity Award ...; fully maximize student participation in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; continue to integrate health and physical education concepts and other curriculum areas...; continue collaborative efforts between the cafeteria and the classroom to reinforce nutrition education; provide nutrition education opportunities...to students beyond minimum required classroom instruction; encourage schools to create...campaigns that emphasize the importance and benefits of good nutrition and regular physical activity; and partner with parents, community organizations, and School Health Advisory Boards...to strengthen the mission of improving the nutritional status of children and to promote physical activity...”

The complete text is available at: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?071+ful+HJ726ER>

The Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources have also invited school divisions and local health districts to recognize *Healthy Virginians/Healthy Students Week* by participating in the Governor’s Healthy Students Summit on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the Richmond Convention Center. For details, please see Supt. Informational Memo #161, August 10, 2007. <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2007/inf161.html>

If you have questions or would like more information please contact your assigned specialist.