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Virginia Department of Education  
Superintendent’s Memo #003-22

DATE: January 7, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Rosa S. Atkins, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: Training Options for Individuals Seeking Renewal of a License with an Endorsement as a School Counselor

This memorandum is a follow up to Superintendent’s Memo Number 313-17, dated November 3, 2017. This communication provides school divisions with the training options for individuals seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement as a school counselor. Section 22.1-298.1 of the Code of Virginia requires that “every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement as a school counselor shall complete training in the recognition of mental health disorder and behavioral distress, including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse.”

Attachment A to this memorandum provides training options for individuals to satisfy the requirement of § 22.1-298.1. Please share this information with those who are responsible for supervising school counselors, professional development, and licensure.

For more information

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Bazemore, School Counseling Specialist, Office of Students Services, by email at Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 225-4024.

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A. Attachment: School Counselor Licensure Renewal: Training Options and Documentation Forms (DOCX)