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The Honorable John H. Chichester
Chairman, Senate Finance
Committee
Virginia General Assembly
P.O. Box 904
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The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.
Chairman, House Appropriations
Committee
Virginia General Assembly
P.O. Box 1173
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Dear Senator Chichester and Delegate Callahan:

Pursuant to Item 146, paragraph A.4.b.1) of the appropriation act (Chapter 951, 2005 Acts of Assembly), the Department of Education is required to report annually any changes to the composite indices approved by the Governor and the Board of Education resulting from the consolidation of school divisions or local governments.

During the last year, no consolidations have occurred that resulted in requests to revise a local composite index. Consequently, the Governor and the Board of Education have not approved any changes to the composite indices this year. The most recent change, for the consolidation of the Clifton Forge and Alleghany County school divisions, was effective July 1, 2004, as specified in Item 146, paragraph A.4.b.2) of Chapter 951. Also, the fifteen year period for the adjusted composite index for Halifax County School Division is still in effect as a result of the consolidation that took place between Halifax County and South Boston as a result of the reversion of South Boston from city to town status.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel S. Timberlake, assistant superintendent for finance at (804) 225-2025 or Daniel.Timberlake@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Lynne DeMary".
Jo Lynne DeMary

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