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The Honorable John H. Chichester Chairman, Senate Finance Committee Virginia General Assembly P. O. Box 904 Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404-0904 The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr. Chairman, House Appropriations Committee Virginia General Assembly P. O. Box 1173 McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Senator Chichester and Delegate Callahan:

Pursuant to Item 135, paragraph A.4.c.1) of the appropriation act (Chapter 3, 2006 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I), 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 2. Also, the fifteen year period for the adjusted composite index for the Halifax County School Division is still in effect as a result of the consolidation that took place between Halifax County and South Boston from the reversion of South Boston from city to town status.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kent C. Dickey, budget director, at (804) 225-2025 or Kent.Dickey@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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