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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Virginia General Assembly
10677 Aviation Lane
Manassas, Virginia 20110-2701

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
Virginia General Assembly
P. O. Box 127
Bedford, Virginia 24523

Dear Senator Colgan and Delegate Putney:

Pursuant to Item 140, paragraph A.4.c.1 of the 2008-2010 appropriation act (Chapter 879, 2008 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 indicated in Item 140, paragraph A.4.c.2 of Chapter 879. 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, assistant superintendent for finance, at (804) 225-2025 or Kent.Dickey@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia I. Wright".

Patricia I. Wright
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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