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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

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Dear Senator Colgan and Delegate Putney:

Pursuant to Item 140, paragraph A.4.c.1 of the 2009 Appropriation Act (Chapter 781, 2009 Virginia 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. 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 the City of South Boston when it reverted 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,

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