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The Honorable Walter A. Stosch Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee Virginia General Assembly 4551 Cox Road, Suite 110 Innsbrook Centre Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 The Honorable S. Chris Jones Chairman, House Appropriations Committee Virginia General Assembly P. O. Box 5053 Suffolk, Virginia 23435

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee Virginia General Assembly 10660 Aviation Lane Manassas, Virginia 20110

Dear Senators Stosch and Colgan and Delegate Jones:

Pursuant to Item 136, paragraph A.4.c.1 of Chapter 2 (2014 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 Bedford City and Bedford County school divisions, due to the reversion of Bedford City to town status, was effective July 1, 2013.

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If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kent C. Dickey, deputy superintendent for finance and operations, at (804) 225-2025 or Kent.Dickey@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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