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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler  
Chair, House Committee on Education

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas  
Chair, Senate Committee on Education and Health

**FROM:** Peter Blake 

**DATE:** October 1, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 2020 Report on the implementation of the course credit policy

On behalf of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), I am pleased to submit the 2020 report on the implementation of the course credit policy at Virginia's public colleges and universities.

Code of Virginia §23.1-905.1 requires Council to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the implementation of the course credit policy by each public institution of higher education. The *Virginia Public Higher Education Policy for Dual Enrollment Transferability* was developed by the Dual Enrollment and Passport Advisory Committee (DEPAC). DEPAC consists of representatives from SCHEV, the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the Virginia Department of Education, and representatives from each of Virginia's public four-year institutions.

DEPAC approved the final draft of the dual enrollment policy at their December 2018 meeting. The policy was approved by Council on January 14, 2019. The policy defines dual enrollment; provides a statement of purpose for dual enrollment; discusses mutual responsibility for accurate information; discusses parallel transferability of dual enrollment coursework; outlines quality standards; and discusses state-level oversight and communication. At the core of the policy is the Principle of Parallel Transferability, which states:

*"For purposes of transfer, dual enrollment courses shall be treated in parallel with the same course when taken on campus—i.e., dual enrollment status per se shall not affect transferability, or the satisfaction of specific academic requirements. Any exceptions to the principle of parallel transferability shall be based on data regarding*

*student success and shall be clearly communicated in all relevant informational materials.”*

I am pleased to report that since Council’s adoption of the policy, all public institutions (except VMI, which is exempt from the requirements) have adopted course-credit practices that comply with the SCHEV policy terms. The policy in its entirety can be found at [https://www.schev.edu/docs/default-source/institution-section/GuidancePolicy/policies-and-guidelines/schev-dual-enroll-policy-\(january-2019\).pdf](https://www.schev.edu/docs/default-source/institution-section/GuidancePolicy/policies-and-guidelines/schev-dual-enroll-policy-(january-2019).pdf). We look forward to working with you in the future on these and other high priority issues for Virginia higher education. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or comments regarding this report or any other higher education matters.

c: The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education