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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
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DATE: January 7, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Rosa S. Atkins, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Training Options for Individuals Seeking Renewal of a License with an Endorsement as a School Counselor**

This memorandum is a follow up to [Superintendent's Memo Number 313-17](#), dated November 3, 2017. This communication provides school divisions with the training options for individuals seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement as a school counselor. Section [22.1-298.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia* requires that "every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement as a school counselor shall complete training in the recognition of mental health disorder and behavioral distress, including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse."

Attachment A to this memorandum provides training options for individuals to satisfy the requirement of § 22.1-298.1. Please share this information with those who are responsible for supervising school counselors, professional development, and licensure.

For more information

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Bazemore, School Counseling Specialist, Office of Students Services, by email at Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 225-4024.

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- A. Attachment: [School Counselor Licensure Renewal: Training Options and Documentation Forms](#) (DOCX)