



LUNENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear Parent/Guardian of Students in Grades 3-8:

Several years ago, the Virginia Board of Education established criteria for high school students who scored a 375-399 on their Standards of Learning (SOL) test to take an "emergency" retake during the same testing administration. These tests are called expedited retakes and are given to students after they have received remediation in the areas of weakness of the test they failed. On March 26, 2015, the Virginia Board of Education passed Resolution Number 2015-01 which extends the opportunity for students failing an SOL test by a narrow margin (375-399) to take an expedited retake in grades 3-8. We will be offering this option to students in grades 3-8 in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, and social studies where applicable by grade level.

The expedited retake criteria for students in grades 3-8 include: The student must:

- 1. Pass the course associated with the test, and
2. Fail the test by a narrow margin (defined in the legislation as a scaled score of 375-399).

Before we can offer your child the opportunity to take an expedited retake, we must have your consent. This document will remain on file until such time that you choose to reverse your decision. The reversal must be in writing.

Please consider the choices below and check the proper line for your decision. We strongly encourage you to opt-in your student. In addition to giving your child another opportunity to pass the test/s, the pass will also benefit the school with state accreditation and federally mandated requirements. If you need more explanation, please contact your child's principal.

Please return this form to your student's school.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Charles M. Berkley, Jr.]

Charles M. Berkley, Jr., Superintendent

I, _____, parent/guardian of
(Parent/guardian printed name)

_____, a student at _____
(Student's printed name) (School your child currently attends)

(PREFER: (Check one))

___ 1. (OPT-IN choice) That my student be given remediation and an opportunity to retest should he/she qualify for an expedited retake .

___ 2. (OPT-OUT choice) That my student NOT be required to retest should he/she qualify for an expedited retake. I understand that this decision will not in any way impact my child's grade or academic record.

I also understand that this choice and signature will be kept on file at my student's school and follow him/her through grade 8 in Lunenburg County Public Schools.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date