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Dev Nair, M.P.H, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Nair:

In recognition that health education data enables improvements in the delivery of school health services to students, I would like to express my support of the Virginia Department of Health's plan to conduct the *2013 School Health Profiles*. I understand that approximately 500 schools will be randomly selected to receive the survey. Principals of selected schools will receive a survey packet that will include a Principal survey, Lead Health Teacher survey, and a return envelope. Participation in the study is voluntary.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have a long history of collaborating in order to improve both the health and educational outcomes of our children and youth. The *School Health Profile* questionnaires will be used to obtain accurate data on current school health education activities. Data collected from this endeavor will identify trends and help inform the development of school health projects.

The VDOE is committed to working with VDH to help keep our children healthy. I am pleased to provide my support of school division activities that enhance our ability to meet the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia I. Wright".

Patricia I. Wright

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