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Virginia Learns Statement Regarding the Selection of Jillian Balow as Virginia’s Next Superintendent of Public Instruction

Richmond, VA, January 14, 2022 – Virginia Learns welcomes Jillian Balow as Virginia’s next Superintendent of Public Instruction.

“We look forward to working with Ms. Balow on a host of K-12 initiatives, including aligning and advancing the needs and interests of students and families, the educator workforce, and the business community to ensure that our students are well prepared for their futures,” said John Asbury, President and CEO of Atlantic Union Bank and Virginia Learns Chairman.

Virginia Learns believes that better integration of Durable Skills into education pathways will help ensure that a broader group of learners will ultimately find success in their careers and communities. These durable, or lifelong, skills are a combination of how we use what we know – skills like critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity – as well as character skills like fortitude, growth mindset, and leadership.

Virginia Learns was created to bring together business and education leaders with the shared goal of creating a more innovative, relevant, and equitable public education system in Virginia. We look forward to working with Ms. Balow to ensure that we can evolve and support the K-12 classroom experience so that students graduate prepared for success in the 21st century world and workforce.