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Virginia Learns Statement Regarding the Selection of Aimee Rogstad Guidera as Virginia’s Next Secretary of Education

Richmond, VA, December 20, 2021 – Virginia Learns applauds Governor-elect Youngkin’s first cabinet selection of Aimee Rogstad Guidera as the next Secretary of Education for Virginia.

“Aimee has a long track record of using evidence to drive innovation and equitable outcomes for students, as well as a belief that education should prepare our students for their future careers,” said John Asbury, President and CEO of Atlantic Union Bank and Virginia Learns Chairman. “We look forward to working with Aimee on a host of K-12 initiatives, including expanding learning experiences and environments that enable Virginia’s students to thrive in childhood and become positive contributors in their communities.”

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 Aimee 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.