



“Mad” About School Meals: VDOE Updates

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Behind the Curtain



**Program Integrity and
Accountability**



**Advancing Training, TA,
Communications, &
Marketing**



**Drive Innovations,
Partnerships, & Continuous
Improvement**



Program Integrity and Accountability

Highlights



Transitioning All Monitoring and Compliance Efforts back in-house

Staffing Updates:



- Shannon Girouard, Finance Specialist
- Rachel Inman, Procurement Analyst
- Remote Regional Specialists
- Training Team openings



Advancing Training, TA, Communications, & Marketing

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Improving on variety of training offerings



Monthly Town Hall—At the Table-LIVE!



New TA Resources

- Procurement resources & website
- Recipe development



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Reporting and Data Visualization



SNPWeb Request for Proposals



Farm to School




Community Nutrition Programs
Expansion Efforts

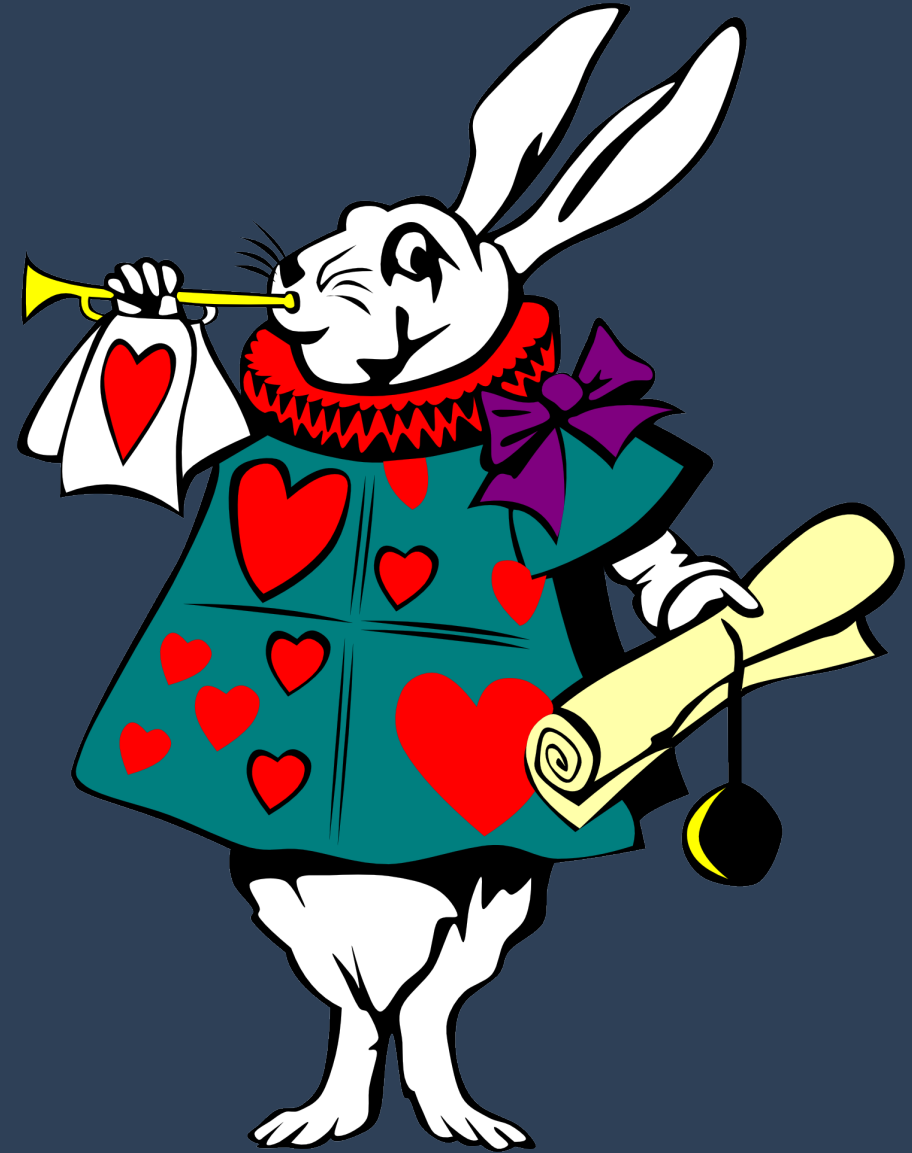


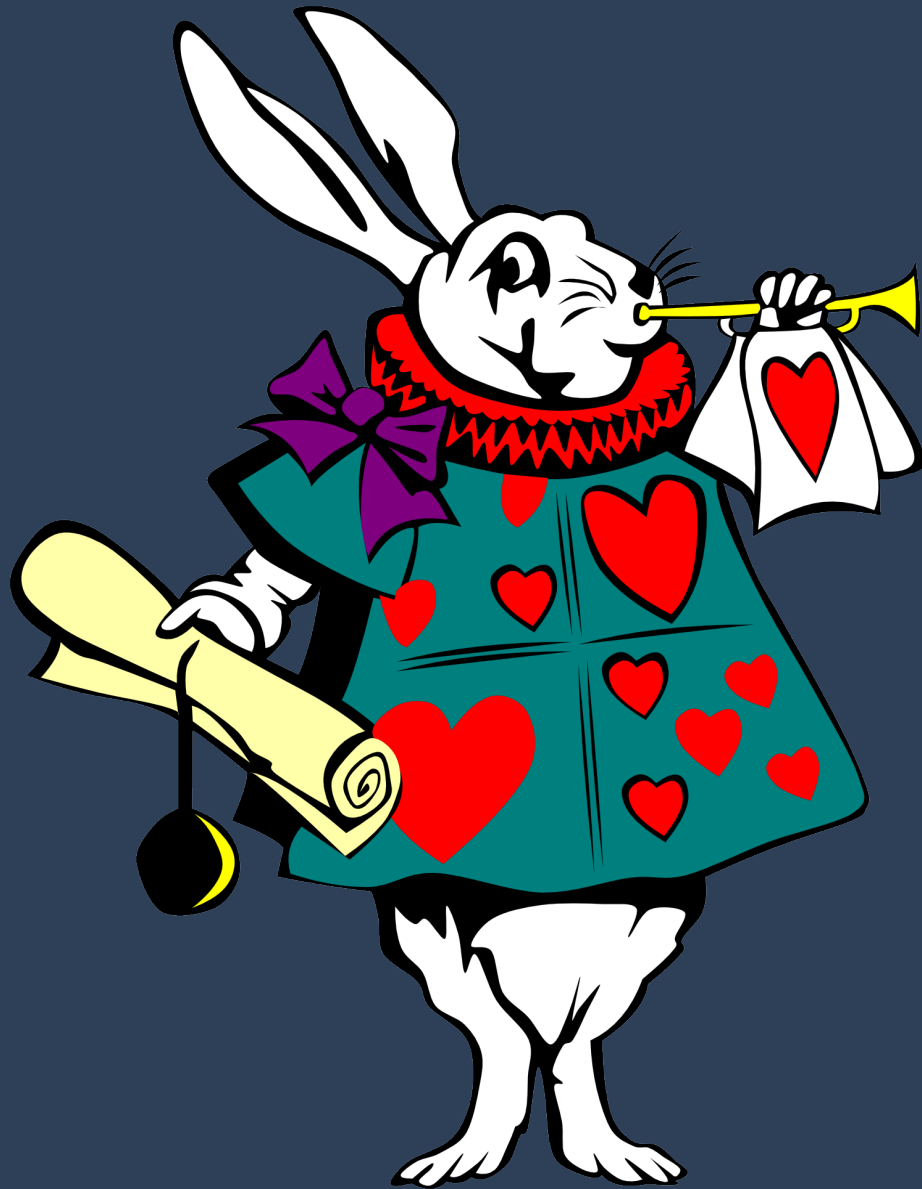
Meet the Council of Wise Voices

Region	Name	School Division
1	Berkley Dunbrack	Chesterfield Co
2	Larry Wade	Chesapeake City
3	Brian Kiernan	Fredericksburg City
4	SueAnn Fox	Fauquier Co
5	Jennifer Williams	Rockingham Co
6	Michelle Knotts	Montgomery Co (FSMC)
7	Tracy Webster	Wythe Co
8	Bruce Davis	Prince Edward Co



2026 General Assembly Updates





USDA Updates & Reminders



**In a world of illusions, tell
the true story of school
meals—with pride!**



When faced with mysterious definitions or potential changes, let curiosity lead to thoughtful choices.



Collaboration is the magic that turns 'impossible' into 'almost possible'—and then into 'done.'

Thank You!



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