



# *COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: **Executive Directive 6 – Combating Antisemitism and Anti-Religious Bigotry and Protecting the Freedom to Worship in the Commonwealth of Virginia - Student Safety Resources**

As noted in Governor Youngkin's Executive Directive Six, Virginia is the birthplace of the Freedom of Religion in America and this freedom encompasses the comprehensive protection of all ethnic and religious communities in Virginia.

The Department has [published a set of student safety resources](#) designed to promote the safety of Virginia's religious and ethnic communities and confront and combat incidents of antisemitism, anti-religious bigotry, and ethnic-based violence.