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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Inmate Population

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**Subject:** The Virginia Model Is Expanding. Be Part of the Change and Your Future!

This is your chance to do time differently – smarter, healthier, and with real purpose. After a game-changing launch at Lawrenceville Correctional Center in 2024, The Virginia Model is expanding, and you can be a part of it! More doors are opening for those ready to take control and transform their time. Check out these facts:

Out of 732 inmates housed at Lawrenceville CC, 602 inmates had been classified at a higher security level during their current term. Here's the breakdown:

- 328 (45%) spent time in higher security facilities (other than Red Onion State Prison or Wallens Ridge State Prison)
- 232 (32%) were housed at the same or lower security level
- 172 (23%) served time at Red Onion SP, Wallens Ridge SP, or both

We are expanding The Virginia Model. Below are three new facilities joining this groundbreaking initiative:

- Buckingham Correctional Center (Security Levels 3 and 4)
- Dillwyn Correctional Center (Security Levels 1 and 2)
- Greenville Correctional Center, Cluster 1 (Security Levels 2 and 3)

And there's more great news! There will be at least three more Virginia Model facilities selected before the end of this year.

## **What Is The Virginia Model?**

The Virginia Model is a whole new way to do your time in Virginia based on choice and accountability. Your behavior will open the door to new opportunities. If you show you're ready for responsibility, you'll earn access to better programs, more freedom, and a positive, healthier environment.

This isn't about being perfect. It's about making real effort, owning your actions, and moving forward.

## **What You Get at a Virginia Model Facility**

If you qualify and are accepted, you'll enjoy:

- Expanded menu and upgraded mattresses
- More education and vocational programs, including college courses, GED prep, and job training
- Therapeutic and life skills programming like domestic violence awareness, art therapy, and peer support
- Extended visitation privileges
- Inmate-led groups and workshops — for veterans, writers, wellness, and more

## **Do You Qualify?**

To apply for a The Virginia Model transfer, you must:

- Have no 100-series charges (major infractions like violence or escape attempts) in the past 4 years
- Have no recent drug use, assaults, or safety threats
- 200-series charges will be reviewed case-by-case

**IMPORTANT:** If you qualify and opt in, participation in the new program is mandatory. Serious rule violations, either before or after transfer, will result in immediate removal and transfer to another facility.

## **How to Apply**

Opting in is easy and voluntary:

1. Log in to your JP6 player or Kiosk
2. Click "Opt In" to join the Virginia Model waiting list
3. Your record and behavior will be reviewed for eligibility
4. Stay discipline-free—violations affect your spot
5. A waitlist will be posted on VADOC's public website so your family and friends can track your status.

You have a choice: keep doing time the old way, or step into something better — a system built around growth, education, respect, and real opportunity.

**Remember:** At Lawrenceville CC, most inmates earned their way there from higher security levels. Your past doesn't define you, your future does.

So ask yourself:

- Are you ready to grow?
- Will you work for something better?
- Are you committed to a healthier, more respectful way of life?

If the answer is yes, then take the first step and "opt in", stay committed, and be ready to change your story.

Got questions? Talk to the staff at your facility. Look for videos and posters designed to raise awareness and encourage engagement across all facilities.

Your future is in your hands.