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This letter is in response to your correspondence regarding Global Faculty Organization's plan to participate in the U.S. Department of State J-1 Teacher Program.

Teachers engaged in a J-1 program in Virginia public schools must meet *Code of Virginia* statutory requirements and Virginia Board of Education regulations, including licensing standards and requirements. School divisions and boards in Virginia have the responsibility of employing instructional personnel; therefore, employment decisions are made by the divisions/school boards.

The Virginia Department of Education has no objection to Global Faculty Organization participating in the Department of State's J-1 Teacher Program provided that all federal, state, and Virginia Board of Education requirements are met.

Sincerely,

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