# Superintendent’s Memo #028-19

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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA   
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Change Timeline and Scope of Review of the *Health Education Standards of Learning*

At its meeting on October 18, 2018, the Virginia Board of Education authorized the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to proceed with the review of the *Health Education Standards of Learning* (2015) for students in *grades nine and ten to include mental health*. However, in response to several bills introduced by the 2019 Virginia General Assembly potentially affecting many of the health education standards, a timeline for a *comprehensive review* of 2015 *Health Education Standards of Learning* will be presented on March 21, 2019 at the Board of Education meeting.

If you have questions about the review of the *Health Education Standards of Learning* (2015), please contact Vanessa Wigand, Coordinator for Health Education, Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, by email at [Vanessa.wigand@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Vanessa.wigand@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3300.

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