# Superintendent’s Memo #251-19


**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

DATE: October 18, 2019

TO: Division Superintendents

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

## SUBJECT: Public Comment Period and Public Hearings on the Proposed 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning*

On October 17, 2019, the Virginia Board of Education received for first review the proposed revisions to the 2015 *Health Education Standards of Learning.* The proposed 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools* identify the concepts, processes, and academic, social and emotional skills for a continuum of learning experiences for students from kindergarten to grade ten. The standards also provide school divisions and teachers with a guide for creating aligned curricula and structured learning experiences that will provide students with essential knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle, and foster the motivation and self-efficacy necessary to make informed and healthy choices, avoid high-risk behaviors, and build healthy families, relationships, schools, and communities.

The proposed 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning* can be accessed at the Virginia Department of Education [Health Standards of Learning](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/health/index.shtml) webpage. Public comments regarding the proposed revisions to the 2015 *Health Education Standards of Learning* will be received at Instruction@doe.virginia.gov from October 21, 2019 – November 18, 2019, or at one of three public hearings. Each public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Registration of speakers will begin at 6 p.m. Speakers will have three minutes to speak and should bring copies of their comments for the Board of Education. The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

* November 4, 2019

Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22042

* November 7, 2019

Founders Inn and Spa, 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

* November 20, 2019

Roanoke County Public Schools Central Office, 5937 Cove Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24019

For additional information about the proposed 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning*, please contact Vanessa Wigand, Coordinator for Health Education, Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Innovation, by email at Vanessa.wigand@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3300.

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