

DATE: March 30, 2018

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Scholarship Opportunity for Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI)

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will offer an AP Summer Institute (APSI) co-sponsored by the College Board for the following AP courses:

- 1. AP Computer Science Principles
- 2. AP Computer Science A

The funding for this opportunity will provide a week-long professional development training for new AP teachers (0-3 years experience). Divisions are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to provide new AP teachers with an overview of the curriculum structures, teaching strategies, and the relationship of the courses to the AP Examinations.

The VDOE and College Board will pay the full registration fee, travel expenses, and a \$250 stipend to attend one of the trainings at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg or Woodson High School in Fairfax County.

Since available funds are not sufficient to cover all AP teachers, funds will be distributed via an application process. The 2018 VDOE AP Summer Institute Scholarship applications must be submitted online through College Board. Applications will be accepted from Monday, April 2, 2018, to Friday, April 20, 2018. Participants will be selected with priority from Regions 6, 7, and 8 as well as consideration to expertise and experience. Recipients will be notified by Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

For questions about this program, please contact Janet Swandol, Senior Director, K-12 College Board, by email at <u>jfswandol@collegeboard.org</u>; or Timothy Ellis, Computer Science and Virtual Learning Specialist, by email at <u>Timothy.Ellis@doe.virginia.gov</u> or by phone at (804) 225-3489.

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