



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: April 6, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Development of K-12 *Computer Science Curriculum Framework***

During the 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly, legislation was enacted to amend §[22.1-253.13:1](#) of the *Code of Virginia* (Standard 1. Instructional programs supporting the Standards of Learning and other educational objectives) to include “*computer science and computational thinking, including computer coding*” into the Standards of Learning.

At the November 2017 Board of Education meeting, the Board voted and approved the *Computer Science Standards of Learning*.

The Department of Education is seeking nominations from division superintendents for individuals who are qualified and available to serve on committees to aid in developing the *K-12 Computer Science Curriculum Framework* during the fall and winter of 2018. Nominees should be teachers, principals, administrators, content specialists, or others who have expertise with the content area.

Framework Committee members developing the *K-12 Computer Science Curriculum Framework* will be asked to participate in four total in-person meetings in Richmond, Virginia, as well as to attend virtual meetings to develop curriculum framework documents. Committee members who are not under contract with a school division may receive a stipend, and those under contract may receive recertification points, pending the approval of their school divisions. The Department of Education may cover expenses for mileage, meals, and lodging related to the review process.

All individuals who wish to serve on one of the *Computer Science Curriculum Framework* committees must submit an application through the web-based process, *Instruction Committee Application Processing System* (ICAPS). The application will require a professional reference and division approval. The procedure for submitting the web-based application is available at the [ICAPS website](#). Completed applications for placement on the Framework Committee are due to the Virginia Department of Education through the ICAPS process by May 31, 2018. Committee members will be selected on the basis of expertise, experience, and balanced regional representation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Timothy Ellis, Computer Science & Virtual Learning Specialist, by email at timothy.ellis@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804)225-3489.

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