

DATE: August 10, 2018

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Public Hearings on the Proposed 2018 Science Standards of Learning

On June 27, 2018, the Virginia Board of Education received for first review the proposed revised 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*. The Virginia Board of Education is now seeking comments from the general public on the proposed 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* for use in Virginia public schools.

The proposed 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* identify academic content for essential components of the science curriculum at different grade levels for Virginia's public schools. The proposed 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* can be accessed at the <u>Virginia Department of Education</u>.

Public comment regarding the proposed 2018 *Science Standards of Learning* may be submitted through the <u>VDOE Science Instruction</u> webpage no later than September 15, 2018, or by speaking 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:

08/27/18 - William Fleming High School, 3649 Ferncliff Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24017

09/05/18 - Brooke Point High School, 1700 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia 22554

09/13/18 - Blair Middle School, 117 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

For additional information about the proposed 2018 *Science Standards of Learning*, please contact staff at the Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics by email at science@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2676.

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