



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: February 24, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: **Notice of Community Engagement Sessions on the Revisions of the 2017 English Standards of Learning**

On February 2, 2023, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) presented to the Board of Education the [review and revision process of the 2017 English Standards of Learning](#). A [Timeline for the Review and Revision of the English Standards of Learning](#) is included.

The VDOE is hosting several opportunities for the public to engage, provide feedback, and contribute directly to the review of the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*. The *Standards of Learning* identify the essential content, processes, and skills for grade level courses. The [2017 English Standards of Learning](#) can be accessed on the Virginia Department of Education's website. Public comment may be offered through these community engagement sessions, through [this form](#) provided on the Virginia Department of Education website, or by emailing vdoe.english@doe.virginia.gov until **March 13, 2023**.

Advanced registration is required for all sessions and in-person sessions are limited to **100 participants** on a first come first served basis. Confirmed registrants will receive an email providing information about their session and location specific details. The sessions, three in-person and four virtual, will begin with presentations by VDOE staff about the SOL revision process, followed by an opportunity for participants to share feedback about the current English Standards and suggest revisions. The Virginia Department of Education asks that all selected participants commit to collaborating with other participants in attendance and be prepared to provide quality feedback to help Virginia create best in class Standards for the children of the Commonwealth.

Each in-person community engagement session will begin at 6:30 p.m. The community engagement sessions will take place at the following locations from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**
Christopher Newport University
Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center
1 Avenue of the Arts
Newport News, VA 23606
[REGISTRATION FOR MARCH 22, 2023 SESSION LINK](#)
- **Thursday, March 23, 2023**
Virginia Commonwealth University
Academic Learning Commons
1000 Floyd Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220
[REGISTRATION FOR MARCH 23, 2023 SESSION LINK](#)
- **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**
James Madison University
Memorial Hall
395 South High Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807
[REGISTRATION FOR MARCH 28, 2023 SESSION LINK](#)

Four virtual community engagement sessions will be available to the public to ensure ample opportunities are provided for feedback and commentary. Registration will be required for each of these events.

- **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**
11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
[REGISTRATION FOR MARCH 21, 2023 SESSION LINK](#)
- **Monday, March 27, 2023**
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
[REGISTRATION FOR MARCH 27, 2023 SESSION LINK](#)
- **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
[REGISTRATION FOR MARCH 29, 2023 SESSION LINK](#)
- **Thursday, March 30, 2023**
6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
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