



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 29, 2023
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Board of Education Meetings on June 14–15, 2023**

The Virginia Board of Education (Board) convened for its regular meetings last week on June 14 and 15. A full agenda and supporting materials for the meeting is available on [the Virginia Department of Education's website](#).

At the Thursday meeting, the Board approved on final review [the Virginia Literacy Act Core Instruction Guide](#) and [the Guidelines for 2023-2024 of the Early Childhood Unified Measurement and Improvement System \(VQB5\)](#). Also, twenty-four school divisions petitioned the Board [to partner with iteach for an alternate route to licensure](#), which the Board approved on Thursday. The approval highlights the Board's commitment to working in collaboration with school divisions about ways to address the teacher shortage.

The Board also accepted for first review [the Proposed Revised Mathematics Standards of Learning](#). These standards represent the Board's continued emphasis on raising standards for students across the Commonwealth. The Board will hold numerous public hearings, both in person and virtually, in July and August. Please monitor the VDOE website and other communications from VDOE for additional information.

We are also excited to highlight the achievements of seven school divisions and one school—Goochland County Public Schools; Louisa County Public Schools; Radford Public Schools; Roanoke County, Roanoke, and Salem Public Schools; York County Public Schools; and

Kempsville High in Virginia Beach—whom the Board recognized with its annual Innovative Practice Award. Congratulations to these schools and [all the Exemplar Award winners for 2023!](#)

For questions regarding this meeting or the Board, please contact Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, at Jim.Chapman@doe.virginia.gov.

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