

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

March 27, 2015

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Review of the Mathematics Standards of Learning and Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework

At the March 26, 2015, Board of Education meeting, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) was authorized to proceed with the review and revision process of the *Mathematics Standards of Learning and Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* consistent with the schedule adopted by the Board in September 2000. It is anticipated that the standards revision will be completed before October 2016.

An important part of the review process for the *Mathematics Standards of Learning* and *Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* is the solicitation of comments from teachers, administrators, curriculum supervisors, mathematics educators, mathematics education organizations, and other members of the public. Please inform personnel in your school division and other stakeholders that they may review and comment on the current standards at the VDOE's Web site. Comments will be received from March 27, 2015 to April 27, 2015.

The VDOE is also seeking individuals who are qualified and available to serve on a committee to review both the *Mathematics Standards of Learning* and *Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* during the summer of 2015. Applicants must be teachers, principals, administrators, content specialists, or others who have expertise with the content areas and the standards.

Individuals who wish to serve on a committee to review the *Mathematics Standards of Learning* and *Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* 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. Completed applications are due to the VDOE through ICAPS by April 27, 2015. Committee members selected on the basis of expertise, experience, and balanced regional representation will be notified by May 6, 2015.

A steering committee, a subset of the committee, will meet on June 1-3, 2015, in Richmond, Virginia. All committee members will convene June 22-26, 2015, in Richmond, Virginia, to review and make revision recommendations to the *Mathematics Standards of Learning* and *Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*.

Committee members who are not under contract or who take personal leave with a school division will receive an incentive for their participation, and all committee members may receive recertification points, pending the approval of their school division. The VDOE will cover expenses for mileage, meals, and lodging related to the review process following approved state guidelines.

If you have any questions about the *Mathematics Standards of Learning* and *Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* review, please contact Michael Bolling, director, Office of Mathematics and Governor's Schools, by e-mail at Michael.Bolling@doe.virginia.gov, or telephone at (804) 786-6418.

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Attachment:

A. <u>Projected Timeline for the Review of the Mathematics Standards of Learning and Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework</u> (PDF)

Links:

- Mathematics Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework Review Web page
- 2009 Mathematics Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework
- Instruction Committee Application Processing System (ICAPS)