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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Continuation Grant Application for English Literacy and Civics (EL/Civics) Education Funds, 2015-2016

The EL/Civics application packet for FY 2015-2016 funds is now available. Regional and non-regional Adult Basic Education and Literacy programs, community colleges, and community based literacy organizations (CBLOs) approved through the FY 2013-2014 competition are eligible to apply for these continuation funds. The purpose of the EL/Civics program is to support activities that integrate English literacy and civics education for adult learners of limited English proficiency. Individuals are considered to be of limited English proficiency if they have a limited ability to speak, read, write, or understand the English language; their native language is other than English; or they live in a family or community where a language other than English is the dominant language.

Grants will be authorized for the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, pending the availability of funds from the U.S. Department of Education. Application materials may be downloaded from the Office of Adult Education and Literacy's (OAEL) Web site at:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/adulted/grants_funding/index.shtml.

Applications must be received by OAEL staff no later than 2 p.m., June 5, 2015. The application should be mailed, commercially delivered, or hand delivered. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the EL/Civics program or the application process, please contact Rachel Morrissey, specialist for adult federal programs and career pathways, OAEL, via e-mail at rachel.morrissey@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-7852.

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