

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

April 18, 2014

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## **SUBJECT: Nominations for Sample Fine Arts Curriculum Development Committees**

The Office of Humanities and Early Childhood is accepting nominations for three fine arts curriculum development committees. The purpose of these committees is to develop K-12 music, 6-12 theatre arts, and K-12 visual arts sample curricula that align to the 2013 *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*. Approximately 14 music educators, eight theatre arts educators, and 13 visual arts educators will be selected for the three committees. The committee meetings will be held in Richmond, Virginia, as follows:

- Sample K-12 Visual Arts Curriculum Development Workshop, July 7-11, 2014;
- Sample K-12 Music Curriculum Development Workshop, July 14-18, 2014;
- Sample 6-8 Theatre Arts Curriculum Development Workshop, July 28-August 1, 2014; and
- a one-day document review meeting for all committees will be held in the fall 2014.

Committee members will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- instructional training and experience in music, theatre arts, or visual arts education;
- in-depth knowledge of the Fine Arts Standards of Learning; and
- balanced regional representation.

Committee members will be provided the following:

- reimbursement for meals and travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations and guidelines;
- lodging;
- honorarium of \$100 per meeting day for committee members not under contract with a school division at the time of the meetings; and
- certificate of attendance for recertification points (pending local approval).

All nominees who wish to serve on a workshop must complete the Web-based application using the Instruction Committee Application Processing System (ICAPS). The Web-based application process requires a professional reference and division-level approval. Procedures for submitting the Web-based application are available at <a href="https://plpe.doe.virginia.gov/icaps">https://plpe.doe.virginia.gov/icaps</a>. Completed applications should be submitted to the Virginia Department of Education using ICAPS by May 27, 2014.

School divisions will be reimbursed for substitute teacher pay for teachers under contract at a rate of \$100 per day.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryle C. Gardner, principal specialist of fine arts, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov">Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov</a> or by telephone at (804) 225-2881.