



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Anticipated Board Action on Recommended Cut Scores for the Grades 3, 5, and 8 Science and Grades 5, 8, and End-of-Course (EOC) Writing Standards of Learning Tests Based on the 2010 Science and English Standards of Learning and for the Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test (VMAST) for Grades 3-8 and End-of-Course (EOC) Reading Based on the 2010 English Standards of Learning**

On March 28, 2013, the Virginia Board of Education accepted for first review recommended cut scores for the Grades 3, 5, and 8 Science and Grades 5, 8, and End-of-Course (EOC) Writing Standards of Learning Tests Based on the *2010 Science and English Standards of Learning* and for the Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test (VMAST) for Grades 3-8 and End-of-Course (EOC) Reading Based on the *2010 English Standards of Learning*. A copy of each board item may be found at [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2013/03\\_mar/agenda\\_items/item\\_i.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2013/03_mar/agenda_items/item_i.pdf), and [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2013/03\\_mar/agenda\\_items/item\\_j.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2013/03_mar/agenda_items/item_j.pdf).

At its meeting on April 25, 2013, the Board is expected to take final action on the cut scores for these tests. Comments or questions about the recommended cut scores should be directed to Shelley Loving-Ryder, assistant superintendent for student assessment and school improvement, at [Student\\_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov) or by phone at (804) 225-2102.

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