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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Update on Revised *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*

The Virginia Board of Education adopted revised *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* on June 27, 2013. The PDF and Word versions of the newly adopted fine arts standards are available on the Department of Education's Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/index.shtml.

Recognizing that curriculum alignment efforts require planning, time, staff development, and resources, the Department of Education's goal for the implementation schedule allows teachers to begin, in the fall of 2013, to focus instruction on the content in the newly revised *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*.

School divisions should begin to:

- review and align their fine arts curricula with the revised standards;
- review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
- identify new materials where needed; and
- provide staff development for teachers as appropriate.

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