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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #071-22**

DATE: April 1, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Nominations for World Languages Resource Development Committee**

The Office of Humanities is accepting nominations for members to serve on a summer World Languages Resource Development Committee. The purpose of the committee is to develop technical assistance documents that align proficiency guidelines, instructional strategies, assessment strategies, and other performance indicators to the *2021 World Language Standards of Learning* in the following contexts:

- Classical Languages (Latin)
- Dual Language/Immersion and FLES
- Heritage Languages
- Modern World Languages
- Visual Languages (American Sign Language)

Approximately 25 world language educators and supervisors will be selected for the five writing teams. The writing teams will meet in person for two days on June 16-17, 2022, in or around the Roanoke area. In addition, five members will be chosen from the writing team to serve on a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will meet for one day on June 15, 2022, to prepare for the writing team meeting; and one day in July 2022 to review and edit the draft documents.

Writing Team and Steering Committee members will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- instructional training and experience in world language education;
- in-depth knowledge of the *World Language Standards of Learning*; and
- balanced regional representation.

Committee members will be provided the following:

- an incentive payment for full participation and successful completion of assigned tasks;
- reimbursement for meals and travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations and guidelines;
- lodging; and
- a certificate of attendance for recertification points (pending local approval).

All nominees who wish to serve on a committee must complete the [electronic application form](#). The application process requires a professional reference from the school division's supervisor of world languages. Completed applications and recommendations should be submitted to the Virginia Department of Education by April 22, 2022.

For more information

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Lisa Harris, Coordinator of World Languages, Office of Humanities, by email at Lisa.Harris@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3666.

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