Attachment A

Superintendent’s Memo #226-22

September 23, 2022

# APPLICATION FORM

# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION VIRGINIA LITERACY ACT ADVISORY WORK GROUP

Submit a completed nomination form for each nominee **on or before Friday, October 28, 2022 to** [**VLA@doe.virginia.gov**](mailto:VLA@doe.virginia.gov)**.**

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to accept applications for the Virginia Literacy Act Advisory Work Group. The Work Group will advise the Virginia Department of Education on matters related to the implementation of the Virginia Literacy Act.

## Membership Selection

The Virginia Literacy Act Advisory Work Group will be a broadly representative group of stakeholders that will inform and support the implementation of the [Virginia Literacy Act](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+ful+CHAP0550). Please indicate which of the following groups the applicant represents (check as many as apply):

☐ Representative from an approved Educator Preparation Program with expertise in Evidence Based Literacy Instruction or Science-Based Reading Research from a college or university in Virginia

☐ Representative of a community based organization that supports early literacy in Virginia

☐ Representative of a community based organization that supports out of school time

☐ Representative of K-3 teachers with expertise in Evidence Based Literacy Instruction or Science Based Reading Research

☐ Representative of reading specialists working in public schools

☐ Representative of middle school English language arts specialists working in public schools

☐ Representative of Chief Academic Officers (or similar position) with expertise in Evidence Based Literacy Instruction or Science Based Reading Research

☐ Representative of parents of children in K-3 attending public schools

☐ Representative of a child care, family day home, or preschool program

☐ Representative of students with disabilities and dyslexia

☐ Representative of students who are English learners

☐ Representative of elementary school principals

☐ Representative of local school divisions or school boards

In addition to the above listed members, the Virginia Literacy Act Advisory Work Group will include: 1) a representative appointed by the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2) a representative from the Virginia General Assembly, 3) a representative from the Virginia Board of Education, and 4) a representative from the Early Childhood Advisory Work Group.

## Applicant Information

### Please print or type

Full Name of Applicant:

Current Title:

Employer:

Work Address:

Work Zip:

Home Address:

Home Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

E-mail:

Race/ethnicity (optional):

Gender (optional):

Primary language spoken (optional):

## Supplemental Questions

1. Please provide a short personal narrative, including educational background, professional and work experience accomplishments, and community service. (Note: It is not necessary to attach a vita.) Explain what in your background makes you qualified to represent the groups selected in Section I. (max 400 words)
2. In your opinion, what is the greatest barrier that persists related to early literacy for young learners in Virginia? In what ways do you believe the VLA and implementation of evidence-based literacy instruction can solve for these challenges? (max 200 words)

## References

Please provide the names and contact information of two references that can speak to your personal or professional connection to literacy development and education.

Name:

Email:

Phone number:

Preferred method of contact: Email ☐ Phone ☐

Primary language spoken