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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #043-21

DATE: February 19, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2021 VDOE Fine Arts Division Leadership Virtual Meetings**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is sponsoring 2021 VDOE Fine Arts Division Leadership Virtual Meetings for fine arts administrators and curriculum specialists of Virginia's 132 school divisions. The meetings will encompass four main focus areas:

1. The current state of fine arts education in Virginia schools and the path forward.
2. Fine arts curriculum and instruction related to the 2020 *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*.
3. Professional learning for fine arts educators.
4. Assessment strategies to identify and address learning gaps.

Each school division is encouraged to send individuals who supervise Fine Arts instruction for students in K-12, including central office specialists and division contacts for fine arts. Divisions without a fine arts specialist may designate a fine arts teacher to attend. The VDOE requests the attendance of at least one fine arts representative from each of the 132 school divisions of Virginia. Meetings will not be recorded, so a representative should be sent if the fine arts staff is unable to attend.

The meetings will be held virtually via Zoom from 10 a.m. - Noon. Each meeting will include a general session, small group time for discussion, and a closing debrief session. Participants are encouraged to attend each of the four meetings in order to receive the most benefit. Registration for each of the four meetings is required by Friday, March 5, 2021, and

registration must be approved by the VDOE Coordinator of Fine Arts. A full agenda will be sent to participants prior to the meeting.

To register for each meeting, click the registration link below:

- 2021 VDOE Fine Arts Division Leadership Virtual Meeting 1 of 4: [Friday, March 19, 2021](#)
- 2021 VDOE Fine Arts Division Leadership Virtual Meeting 2 of 4: [Friday, April 23, 2021](#)
- 2021 VDOE Fine Arts Division Leadership Virtual Meeting 3 of 4: [Friday, May 21, 2021](#)
- 2021 VDOE Fine Arts Division Leadership Virtual Meeting 4 of 4: [Friday, June 25, 2021](#)

For more information

For questions regarding the meetings, please contact Kelly A. Bisogno, Coordinator of Fine Arts, Office of Humanities, by email at Kelly.Bisogno@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2881.

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