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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #229-21**

DATE: August 13, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Active Learning Grant PreK-Grade 2 Request for Proposals-Fiscal Year 2022**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the Active Learning Grant—Pre-kindergarten through Grade 2 request for proposals (RFP). [Chapter 552, 2021 Special Session I General Assembly \(Appropriation Act\)](#) has provided funding for competitive grants to be awarded in fiscal year 2022. Individual school divisions or consortia of school divisions are eligible to submit a proposal meeting the intent of the RFP document, available as **Attachment A** of this memorandum.

School divisions may either apply as an individual division or be part of one regional grant. An individual school division's proposal may not exceed \$30,000. A consortia of school division proposals may not exceed \$75,000. Proposals may target one or more schools in each participating school division. It is anticipated that awards will be made on or about October 1, 2021. School divisions awarded the Active Learning Grants must be prepared to implement their model during the 2021-2022 school year.

The purpose of the funding is to provide grants to school divisions to encourage active in class, remote and hybrid learning for students in pre-kindergarten through Grade 2. The funds may be used to purchase a platform featuring on-demand activities that integrate math and English standards of learning content into movement-rich activities that can be used at school, home and on all devices (i.e., computers, tablets and phones). This grant will have options for implementation and interested school divisions will choose only one option in their

submitted proposals. Proposals should include the integration of Virginia's 5-C's (critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, citizenship) as well as the 2016 *Mathematics Standards of Learning* (SOL), the 2017 *English Standards of Learning* and the 2021 Early Learning and Development Standards (ELD).

The following is an overview of the Active Learning Grant Options. Details and requirements for each option can be found in Appendix A of the RFP.

Option A: Active Learning School Division Plan including a Platform: School divisions will create a plan to encourage active in class, remote, and hybrid learning for students in pre-kindergarten through Grade 2. The school division may purchase a platform featuring on-demand activities that integrate math and English standards of learning content into movement-rich activities that can be used at school, home and on all devices. This plan will create and implement lessons to support integrating content into movement-rich activities.

Option B: Active Learning School Division Plan including Virginia's Chief Movement Officer Cadre: School divisions will create a plan to encourage active in class, remote and hybrid learning for students in pre-kindergarten through Grade 2. This plan will create a partnership with Virginia's Chief Movement Officer Cadre to create and implement lessons to support integrating content into movement-rich activities.

Completed proposals must be received electronically by the VDOE no later than **5 p.m. on September 16, 2021**, submitted to instruction@doe.virginia.gov with the subject line *Active Learning Grant RFP_School Division Name*.

For more information

For general questions, please contact Dr. Christine Harris, Director of Humanities, Department of Learning and Innovation, by email at Christine.Harris@doe.virginia.gov. If you have a specific budget question, please contact Maecy Richmond, Grants and Reports Manager for the Office of STEM and Innovation, by email at Maecy.Richmond@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Active Learning Grant RFP](#) (DOCX)