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**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Implementation of the 2017 English Standards of Learning and *Curriculum Framework***

On November 16, 2017, the Board of Education adopted the Proposed Revised 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* for public schools in Virginia ([see Agenda Item A](#) (PDF)). The final version of the 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* will be posted on the Virginia Department of Education's website in February 2018.

The 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*, a companion document to the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*, amplifies the standards and further defines the content knowledge, skills, and understandings. The 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework* is not meant to be an entire curriculum, but rather to provide additional guidance to school divisions and their teachers as they develop their local program of studies, an instructional program appropriate for their students. This supplemental framework delineates in greater specificity the content that all teachers should teach and all students should learn.

The implementation timeline for the 2017 *English Standards of Learning* and 2017 *English Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework* follows:

**2017-2018 School Year** – Approval of the 2017 *English Standards of Learning* and the 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*

- Board of Education approves 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*.
- VDOE staff posts the final approved version of the 2017 *English Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework*.
- VDOE staff provides a crosswalk between the 2010 *English Standards of Learning* and the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*.

**2018-2019 School Year** – Crosswalk Year

- 2010 *English Standards of Learning* and 2017 *English Standards of Learning* are included in the written and taught curricula.
- Spring 2019 Standards of Learning assessments measure the 2010 *English Standards of Learning* and include field test items measuring the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*.

**2019-2020 School Year** – Full-Implementation Year

- Written and taught curricula reflect the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*.
- Spring 2020 Standards of Learning assessments measure the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*.

Recognizing that curriculum alignment efforts require planning, time, staff development, and resources, school divisions should begin to:

- review and align English Language Arts curricula with the revised standards;

- review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
- develop new materials where needed; and
- provide staff development for teachers.

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