



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: August 11, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Local Gifted Education Technical Review Process

The *Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students* require that local school boards must approve their divisions' local plans for the education of gifted students. Upon approval, the school board must submit a copy of its plan to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) for technical review on a schedule determined by the VDOE (Attachment A). Initially announced in Superintendent's Memo #178-10, this technical review scheduled for 2017 will involve school divisions in Superintendents' Regions IV West and V East and will be conducted by peer review teams comprised of individuals from these two regions. Local gifted plans for school divisions from these regions are due to the VDOE specialist for gifted education by September 22, 2017.

As a one-day professional development opportunity, gifted education coordinators and other school administrators in the school divisions are encouraged to participate in the technical review process. School divisions scheduled for technical review of their local gifted plans in 2017 are encouraged to send at least three individuals with a gifted education background to the technical review process to serve as review team members. In addition, division superintendents are encouraged to support their personnel who are members of the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of Gifted Students (VACEG), Virginia Association for the Gifted (VAG) governing board, and the Virginia Gifted Educators Consortium governing board in assisting with the technical review process. Technical reviews will be scheduled at a central location within the boundaries of the Superintendents' Regions under review. No travel or monetary compensation will be provided by the VDOE. Since the one-day review process will require team members' services through the lunch hour, the VDOE will provide lunch. The VDOE will work with the gifted education regional leaders for Region IV West and Region V East to obtain review team members' information for this year's technical review and to coordinate the technical review event.

For further information, please contact Dr. Donna L. Poland, Specialist for Governor's Schools and Gifted Education, Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, by email at Donna.Poland@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2884.

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Attachment:

- A. [Local Plan Submission Schedule to the Virginia Department of Education](#) (PDF)