

# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

May 13, 2016

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, the State Special Education Advisory Committee, the Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee, and the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted – Deadline June 3, 2016

The Virginia Board of Education is seeking nominees to serve on its Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, State Special Education Advisory Committee, Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee, and the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted.

Please note that for some of the advisory committees, specific categories of expertise or geographic representation are required by state or federal law or regulation. For all committees, the Board of Education seeks to have diverse representation among the appointees.

The current vacancies for the advisory committees are noted below. The term of service will begin July 2016 and end June 2019, unless otherwise noted.

# **Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure is seeking nominees for two positions:

Classroom Teacher (Secondary), Special Education - to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2018. Priority consideration will be given to Region 1.

Business Community Representative. Priority consideration will be given to Regions 7 and 8.

# **State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)**

The State Special Education Advisory Committee is seeking nominees for one position:

Representative from Virginia's Child Welfare Agency Responsible for Foster Care - to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2017.

#### **Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee**

The Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee is seeking nominees:

Representative from the Core Partners under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

# Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted (VACEG)

The Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted is seeking nominees:

Parent of public school student(s).

\*Geographical regions noted above are based on the Department of Education Superintendent's Regions.

Educators, administrators, and other individuals, and organizations are invited to recommend nominees to fill current vacancies as noted above. Individuals are also welcome to nominate themselves.

The Board of Education's bylaws prescribe the operation of its advisory committees as follows:

Article nine, Section 2, of the bylaws states that advisory committees shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. Unless otherwise prescribed by state or federal law or regulations, all appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Article fifteen, Section 3, of the bylaws states that members of advisory committee shall not receive compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with state travel guidelines set forth by the Department of Accounts.

Article fifteen, Section 4, of the bylaws states that appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be re-appointed, with no member serving more than two consecutive three-year terms.

Nominations may be made by completing the attached nomination form. Please send the completed form to Board Relations Director Melissa Luchau, P. O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail at <a href="Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov">Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov</a>.

# All nominations must be received by Friday, June 3, 2016.

Questions regarding the Board of Education's advisory committees or activities may be addressed to Melissa Luchau by e-mail at <a href="Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov">Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov</a> or by phone at (804) 225-2924.

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#### Attachment:

A. Nomination Form for Virginia Board of Education's Advisory Committees (Word)

# Links:

- Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)
- Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted (VACEG)
- State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)
- Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee