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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Public Comment Period on the Proposed *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia***

On June 27, 2013, the Virginia Board of Education (VBOE) approved proposed revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*. Due to the significant number of revisions, the Board recommended repealing the current regulations (8VAC20-542) and promulgating new, revised regulations (8VAC20-543).

The proposed regulations were published in the Virginia Register of Regulations, VOL. 31 ISS. 26, August 24, 2015.

A public hearing on the proposed regulations will be held Thursday, October 22, 2015, in the James Monroe Building, Jefferson Meeting Room (the 22nd Floor, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond Virginia 23219). The public hearing will begin immediately following adjournment of the Virginia Board of Education business meeting.

An online comment period is now open on [Town Hall](#). Public comments will be accepted through Saturday, October 31, 2015.

For questions, please contact Dr. Joan Johnson, director of teacher education, at (804) 371-2475 or [joan.johnson@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:joan.johnson@doe.virginia.gov).

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