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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Update on Revised *Foreign Language Standards of Learning***

The Virginia Board of Education adopted revised *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* on May 22, 2014. The PDF and Word versions of the newly adopted foreign language standards are available on the Department of Education's Web site at [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards\\_docs/foreign\\_language/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/foreign_language/index.shtml).

Recognizing that curriculum alignment efforts require planning, time, staff development, and resources, the Department of Education's goal for the implementation schedule allows teachers to begin, in the fall of 2014, to focus instruction on the content in the newly revised *Foreign Language Standards of Learning*.

School divisions should begin to:

- review and align their foreign language curricula with the revised standards;
- review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
- identify new materials where needed; and
- provide staff development for teachers as appropriate.

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