



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Standards of Learning for Fine Arts Public Hearings

The Virginia Board of Education will hold two public hearings to solicit comments on the proposed revised Standards of Learning for Fine Arts. These will be held on May 16 and May 23, 2013. The *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* identify the essential content, processes, and skills for each grade level and/or courses in dance arts, music, theatre arts, and the visual arts. The proposed standards are available on the Internet at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/2013/index.shtml.

The May 16, 2013, hearing will be held at Northside High School, 6758 Northside High School Road, Roanoke, VA 24019. The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. Registration of speakers will begin at 6:30 p.m. Speakers will have three minutes to speak and should bring copies of their comments for the Board of Education.

The May 23, 2013, hearing will be held on the 22nd floor, James Monroe Building, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The hearing will be held immediately following the adjournment of the Board of Education business meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. Registration of speakers will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Comments regarding the current standards may be submitted on the Virginia Department of Education Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/2013/index.shtml. Comments will be received at this address from April 26, 2013, to May 28, 2013. Comments may also be mailed by May 28, 2013, to Cheryle C. Gardner, principal specialist of fine arts, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120.

The Department of Education requests that this information be shared with members of your education community and local board of education. If you have questions about the public hearings or the proposed *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*, please contact Cheryle C. Gardner by e-mail at Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2881.

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