



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Standard Setting Study – Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge Assessment**

The Educational Testing Service (ETS), which develops assessment instruments for Virginia teacher licensure, has informed the Virginia Department of Education that the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge assessment (0856/5856) is being revised.

The revisions will require new standard-setting studies to be conducted for the assessment. Virginia will participate in the multistate standard setting studies to be conducted by ETS.

I am requesting your assistance to nominate health and physical education teachers to serve on a study panel. Two multistate panels will be conducted. Nominated teachers must be available to serve on either panel date but will only be selected to serve on one of the panels. The studies will be held at the Chauncey Conference Center, ETS Princeton Campus, Princeton, New Jersey. The schedule is as follows:

- Health and Physical Education Panel 1 – November 14-15, 2013
- Health and Physical Education Panel 2 – November 18-19, 2013

**I would appreciate receiving your nominations as soon as possible but no later than September 13, 2013.** Individuals must meet the following criteria to be nominated for the study:

- Hold a full, valid Collegiate Professional License or Postgraduate Professional License with a health and physical education prek-12 endorsement;
- Have served as a health and physical education teacher for a period of three to ten years (total years of service); and
- Are available to travel to and attend the study on both November 14-15 and November 18-19, 2013. (If selected, the teacher will attend only one of the two panel dates.)

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will be facilitating the study. ETS will reimburse panelists' travel, lodging, and meals costs in accordance with ETS guidelines for travel reimbursement.

**Please fax the attached nomination form to Ms. Tamika Claiborne at (804) 530-4510.** Individuals will be notified whether they are selected. Additional information will be provided to nominees at that time. **Please remind nominees that all individuals may not be selected to participate as we need to ensure statewide representation.**

I very much appreciate your assistance in nominating health and physical education teachers to participate in the study. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, at (804) 371-2471 or [Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov).

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Attachment:

- a. [Praxis II Standard-Setting Committee Nomination Form](#) (Word)