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**Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Department of Education  
Superintendent's Memo #198-22**

DATE: September 2, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **Local Gifted Education Technical Review Process**

The [Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students](#) require that local school boards approve a plan for the education of gifted students. Upon approval, the school board must submit a copy of the plan to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) for technical review on a schedule determined by the VDOE (**Attachment A**). Initially announced in Superintendent's Memo #178-10, this technical review scheduled for 2022 will involve school divisions in Superintendents' Regions IV West (modified region) and V East (modified region) and will be conducted by peer review teams that are composed of individuals from these two regions. Local gifted plans for school divisions from these regions are due to the VDOE specialist for gifted education by October 7, 2022. VDOE staff will contact gifted education coordinators Regions IV and V to coordinate review teams.

**For more information**

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- A. Attachment: [Local Plan Submission Schedule to the Virginia Department of Education](#)  
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