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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. BOX 2120

RICHMOND, VA 23218-2120

May 22, 2006

Mr. Eddie Antoine
Virginia Association of School Personnel Administrators
Newport News City Public Schools
12465 Warwick Boulevard
Newport News, Virginia 23606-3041

Dear Mr.  Antoine:

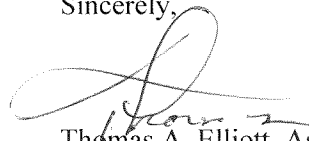
I am pleased to invite your professional organization to submit nominations to fill five vacancies on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL). The Board of Education will appoint representatives for these vacancies for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2006. Vacancies are in the following categories:

- . Reading Specialist
- . Division Superintendent
- . School Board Member
- . Classroom Teacher (Middle)
- . Higher Education (Independent)

ABTEL is composed of 19 members, and it advises the Board of Education on policies relating to the qualifications, examinations, licensure, and regulations of teachers and other school personnel required to hold a professional license to practice in the public schools. A copy of an excerpt from the Code of Virginia provides additional information regarding the advisory board.

If your organization would like to submit nominations for the vacancies, please complete and return the enclosed form supplying all requested information on your nominees. Please submit your nomination(s) to me at the Department of Education, Division of Teacher Education, Licensure, and Professional Practice, P. O. Box 2120, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120, on or before Monday, July 10, 2006. You may fax the information to (804) 786-6759. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (804) 371-2522.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Elliott, Assistant Superintendent
Division of Teacher Education, Licensure, and
Professional Practice

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Enclosures

§ 22.1-305.2. Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.

There is hereby established the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure which shall consist of nineteen members to be appointed by the Board of Education. Ten members of the Advisory Board shall be classroom teachers, with at least the following representation: three elementary school teachers, three middle school teachers, and three high school teachers. Three members of the Advisory Board shall be school administrators, one of whom shall be a school principal, one of whom shall be a division superintendent, and one of whom shall be a school personnel administrator. Two members of the Advisory Board shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a school board. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a parent-teacher association. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a representative of the business community and one member shall be a citizen at large. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education or his designee and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Advisory Board.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall designate a staff liaison to coordinate the activities of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall meet five times per year or upon the request of its chairman or the Board of Education. The Advisory Board shall annually elect a chairman from its membership. The members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation; however, the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Advisory Board shall be reimbursed by the Department of Education.

The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed for three-year terms. However, the incumbent members of the Teacher Education Advisory Board serving on July 1, 1990, shall be appointed to serve as initial members of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure for the duration of the terms for which they were originally appointed. Upon the expiration of the terms of these incumbent members, the members appointed to replace them shall serve for three-year terms. No person may be appointed to serve for more than two consecutive terms. Those serving as incumbent members on July 1, 1990, shall be eligible to be reappointed to serve for one additional term. Members shall hold office after expiration of their terms until their successors are duly appointed.

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure shall advise the Board of Education and submit recommendations on policies applicable to the qualifications, examination, licensure, and regulation of school personnel including revocation, suspension, denial, cancellation, reinstatement, and renewals of licensure, fees for processing applications, standards for the approval of preparation programs, reciprocal approval of preparation programs, and other related matters as the Board of Education may request or the Advisory Board may deem necessary. The final authority for licensure of school personnel shall remain with the Board of Education.

Commonwealth of Virginia
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Nomination to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

DIRECTIONS: Please submit a completed nomination form for each nominee for the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure on or before Monday, July 10, 2006, to:

Dr. Thomas A. Elliott
Assistant Superintendent
Division of Teacher Education, Licensure, and Professional Practice
Department of Education, P. O. Box 2120
Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120
Fax: (804) 786-6759

Please Indicate Below The Category Of Your Nomination:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Teacher (Middle) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education (Independent) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Board Member | |

NOMINATING SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION: (Please print or type)

Name: _____
Name of Individual Submitting Nomination: _____
E-mail: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Zip: _____

NOMINATION: (Please print or type)

Name: _____
Current Position: _____
Home Address: _____ Zip: _____
Work Address: _____ Zip: _____
Home: () _____ Work: () _____
Fax: () _____
E-mail: _____
Sex: M F Race: _____ Geography: _____

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Name of Nominee: _____

Name of Nominating School or Organization: _____

I. Nominee's Biographical Introduction to the Members of the Board of Education:

(Please provide a short narrative on the nominee including educational background, professional and work experience accomplishments, and community service. It is not necessary to attach a vita.)

II. Nominee's Educational Philosophy:

III. Nominee's Perspectives on Teacher Education and Licensure:

A. Perspective on Teacher Education

B. Perspective on Licensure