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Board Selects Historic Venues for History SOL Hearings *Public Comment also Sought on Health, PE & Driver Education Standards*

The Virginia Board of Education has selected five historic locations for a series of public hearings on proposed revisions to the History and Social Science Standards of Learning (SOL). The standards — which were last revised in 2008 — describe the knowledge and skills students are expected to master in the subject area by the end of each grade or course.

“From Jamestown, to the Revolution, the Civil War, Emancipation and the Civil Rights Movement, Virginia and Virginians have been at the center of our national story,” said Board of Education President Christian N. Braunlich. “The board is conducting these hearings at some of the commonwealth’s premier historic sites to underscore its commitment to quality instruction in history, geography, economics and civics that prepares students to think critically about who we are as Americans and Virginians.”

During the hearings, the board also will accept public comment on proposed revisions to the Health Education, Physical Education and Driver Education Standards of Learning.

The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- **December 2** — Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, Carl and Hunter Smith Education Center, 931 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Charlottesville
- **December 3** — Edith Bolling Wilson Hotel, George Wythe Ballroom, 170 East Main Street, Wytheville
- **December 4** — George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Robert H. and Clarice Smith Auditorium, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon
- **December 4** — Colonial Williamsburg, Bruton Heights Education Center, 301 1st Street, Williamsburg
- **January 6** — Virginia Union University, 1500 North Lombardy Street, Richmond

Each public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. Registration of speakers will begin at 6:30 p.m. Speakers will have three minutes to address the board and are encouraged to bring a copy of their comments.

“I’d like to thank Monticello, the Edith Bolling Wilson Hotel, Mount Vernon, Colonial Williamsburg and Virginia Union University for their hospitality in hosting these public hearings,” Braunlich said. “Everyone who cares about the quality of history instruction in Virginia’s public schools should review the draft and let the board know where and how it improves upon the current history standards — and where and how they think the draft might be improved further.”

The proposed revised [History and Social Science](#), [Health Education](#), [Physical Education](#) and [Driver Education](#) Standards of Learning are available on the Virginia Department of Education website.

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