STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: 2004 Summer School Programs **ITEM NO:** 8(I)

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MEETING: April 27, 2004
ACTION DATE: April 27, 2004

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the proposal for 2004 academic and enrichment summer programs.

KEY POINTS:

The proposed summer school programs represent the efforts of the instructional staff and principals to effectively align summer school with the Standards of Accreditation, Standards of Learning, and Stafford County curriculum; to provide more rigorous instruction and more intensive remediation; and to accommodate students with special needs. Each program is outlined individually.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:

GOAL 1: Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for *all* students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

FUNDING SOURCE: State Remediation Funds
Tuition

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Standards of Accreditation
Standards of Learning

SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL 2004

HIGH SCHOOL NEW AND REPEAT CREDIT :

Site: Brooke Point High School

Dates: Monday, June 28, through Thursday, August 5 (Holiday: July 5; no Friday classes)
(23 days, 143.75 hours)

Daily Schedule:

New credit: 7:30 A.M. – 1:45 P.M.
(One new credit is possible in the summer session.)

Repeat credit: 7:30 A.M – 1:45 P.M. June 28 – July 15 (First Session)
7:30 A.M. – 1:45 P.M. July 19 – August 5 (Second Session)
(Two repeat credits are possible in the summer session.)

Registration: Schools are expected to notify all students who are in danger of failing courses by May 3 and to provide them with summer school registration information. Schools should follow up with students who have actually failed one or more courses once grade sheets are processed. Schools are also to announce new credit offerings and make certain students pre-register. Pre-registration will take place in all high schools from May 3 through June 11. Actual new credit offerings will be determined by registration numbers as of Friday, June 4.

Open registration will take place at the summer school site on Wednesday, June 23. (Students are placed in classes on a first come-first served basis ***after*** pre-registered students and until classes are filled. Stafford students will receive preference over out of county students.)

Tuition: Tuition will be collected in all high schools from May 3 through June 18 and on June 23 through June 25 at the summer school site. Students will not be allowed to enter summer school until tuition is paid in full.

Proposed tuition rates reflect no increase for 2004. Proposed in-county rates are:

New Credit: $265.00 Repeat Credit: $215.00

Proposed tuition rates for out of county students are:

*Planning District 16 - New Credit: $315.00 Repeat Credit: $265.00
Other Out of County - New Credit: $465.00 Repeat Credit: $465.00

**Planning District 16 includes Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, King George, and Caroline.*

Attendance and Discipline: Students will be dismissed after three absences and will be subject to forfeiture of tuition. The summer school principal will work with the Director of Administrative Services to create a summer school discipline policy that is consistent with school year procedures. Summer school policies and procedures will be distributed in writing to students on the first day of class.

Proposed Course Offerings: (A minimum of 15 students per class is required.)

New Credit:	English 11 *	Algebra I *	Earth Science *
	English 12	Geometry *	Biology *
	H.P.E. 9,10	Algebra II *	U.S. & VA Government
			Keyboarding Applications
Repeat Credit:	English 9	Algebra I, Pt. 1	World History to 1500 *
	English 10	Algebra I, Pt. 2 *	World History from 1500 *
	English 11*	Algebra I *	U.S. History *
	English 12	Geometry *	U.S. & VA Government
	Earth Science *	Algebra II *	Spanish I
	Biology *	H.P.E. 9, 10	

**Indicates courses in which SOL tests will be administered to students taking the course for new credit and to students taking a course for repeat credit who failed the SOL test during the year. SOL tests are given the last two days of summer school, with the exception of the writing test for English 11, which will be given in late July.*

Curriculum: Teachers are expected to cover the Stafford County curriculum and Standards of Learning (as applicable) for each course. Teachers will present the students with a curriculum summary and with a syllabus which covers curriculum, schedule for instruction, evaluation criteria, and classroom procedures and expectations. Standards of Learning tests will be administered as required. Teachers will be informed of students with special needs and will be expected to accommodate as indicated in the I.E.P.

Transportation: Shuttle buses from the other high schools to the summer school site will accommodate students who attend either or both sessions. The shuttle cannot accommodate students in behind-the-wheel driver's education. There is no charge for the shuttle bus. All regular bus rules apply.

SOL REMEDIATION/TEST PREPARATION: Ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students who received a passing grade in a course but failed the SOL end-of-course test in a course for which a verified credit is necessary may attend an SOL review/test preparation program (minimum 20 hours) and re-take the test during the last week of summer school. Two sessions will be offered beginning at 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and at 10:40 a.m. to 1:10 p.m., Monday, July 26 through Thursday, August 5. Transportation is the responsibility of the student and parent. The program will be held at Stafford Senior High School. There will be no charge for this program, which will be arranged once test results are known. Eligible students will be notified. SOL Remediation programs may be offered for the following courses:

Earth Science	Algebra I	World History to 1500
Biology	Geometry	World History from 1500
Chemistry	Algebra II	U.S. History

HIGH SCHOOL DRIVER'S EDUCATION:

Driver's Education will be offered, with the classroom portion taught at Brooke Point High School and the Behind-the-Wheel portion on the driving ranges at North Stafford and Stafford High Schools. Tenth grade students taking H.P.E. for new credit will receive the classroom portion of Driver's Education as part of the Health curriculum. Tuition is $85.00 for the classroom portion and $165.00 for behind-the-wheel, payable at the student's school during the pre-registration period or at open registration at the summer school site on June 23.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION AND REMEDIATION PROGRAMS:

Site: Each middle school will host summer school for its students.

Dates: Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 29 (15 days)

Daily Schedule: Session I - 7:30 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.
Session II - 10:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

Registration: Students and their parents will be advised of the need for summer school by the individual schools. Need may be determined by course failure (in accordance with the promotion/ retention policy), failing scores on fifth or eighth grade SOL tests, or general weakness in basic skills. Registration will be handled at the individual school.

Tuition: The middle school summer program is tuition-free.

Attendance and Discipline: Students will be dismissed after three days of absence. Individual schools will determine discipline policies in accordance with the Stafford County Schools Code of Conduct. Written summer school policies and procedures will be distributed to students on the first day of summer school.

Curriculum and Evaluation: Each middle school will develop curriculum and student evaluation based on SOL remediation in core academic areas (English, math, science, and social studies). Accommodations will be made for students with special needs as indicated in an I.E.P. Middle school students who fail a high school credit class will be referred to the high school summer school program.

MATH BRIDGE PROGRAMS: Each middle school will offer a Math Bridge program which will assist recommended students who completed Math 6 to prepare for Middle School Math II. Drew Middle School will host a Bridge to Algebra program which will assist recommended students who completed Math 7 to prepare for Algebra I. This program will be open to students from the entire county. Math Bridge programs are tuition-free, and are offered pending adequate enrollment.

ESL SUMMER PROGRAM: Gayle Middle School will host a program Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 29(16 days) for new English speakers entering the middle grades. This program is tuition-free.

Transportation: Transportation for all middle school programs will be the responsibility of the parent.

ELEMENTARY REMEDIAL PROGRAM:

Site: Each elementary school will operate its own STARS summer program.

Dates: Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 29 (15 days)

Daily Schedule: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Registration: Each school will invite recommended students to participate. Registration is to be completed by June 11, so that bus routes may be developed by the Transportation Department.

Tuition: The STARS program is tuition-free. A mid-morning snack is also provided to the students.

Curriculum and Evaluation: Each school will design its curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation based on student needs, focusing on reading and math skills as well as reinforcement SOL concepts and skills. Students with special needs will receive accommodations in accordance with their I.E.P.

Transportation: Bus transportation will be provided for students attending the STARS program.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS (ESY) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH SECONDARY) :

Programs will be available to students with disabilities at the preschool, elementary, middle, and high school levels as determined by the IEP. (Additional skill development in independent living, social skills, and recreation and leisure activities will also be provided as necessary.) Services may be provided in the school-based SOL remediation summer programs, the summer enrichment program (Summer Safari), separate language-based programs, at the PASSPORT program, or home-based programs with integrated consultation.

Sites: To be determined, based on student needs.

Dates: All levels: Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 29 *

Daily Schedule: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Tuesday – Thursday)*
or
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (Tuesday – Thursday) *

**Dates and times and locations will vary based on student needs. Some programs may be extended if necessary.*

Registration: Schools will determine students appropriate to participate in the ESY program. Registration will be required by June 1.

Tuition: This program is tuition-free.

Transportation: Transportation will be provided for those students requiring an extended school year (ESY) program.

TURNING POINT ALTERNATIVE SUMMER SESSION:

Turning Point may offer students who are already enrolled in that program the opportunity to complete programs or courses already begun. GED review may also be available. Individual student schedules will be designed.

Site: Turning Point

Schedule: Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 22, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Transportation: Transportation must be provided by the student or his family.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

SUMMER SAFARI

The Summer Safari provides enrichment opportunities for elementary and middle school students. Class offerings include hands-on activities in science, foreign languages, art, technology, and other areas of interest to students. In-class accommodations are made to assist students who have special needs.

Sites: Winding Creek Elementary School
(Some classes may be offered at other sites as well.)

Schedule: Monday, July 12 through Thursday, July 15 - Session 1
Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 22 - Session 2
9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Registration: A brochure with registration form will be in the schools by the end of April to be distributed with May school newsletters. Actual course offerings will be based on sufficient enrollment (minimum 12 students) to cover the cost of the class. An open registration day will be held in May.

Tuition: The proposed basic tuition for a one week class is $50.00. An additional fee for materials and local field trips ($5.00 - $20.00) will be charged as well.

Transportation: Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention is a nationally recognized summer day camp that integrates science, math, history and the arts. This four day program fosters creativity, teamwork, inventive thinking skills, and science literacy.

Site: Barrett Elementary School (for students at Barrett and Stafford Elementary in 2004)

Schedule: Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 22
9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Registration: Registration will be handled at the participating schools.

Tuition: $179.00 before March 15, $199.00 after March 15.

Transportation: Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.