

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: G.

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Topic: PASS Initiative Status Report

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Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by

State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other: _____

Action requested at this meeting Action requested at future meeting: _____ (date)

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

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Background Information:

On July 11, 2002 Governor Warner launched the PASS (Partnership for Achieving Successful Schools) Initiative that provided technical assistance to all schools accredited with warning for 2002. Of special focus were 32 Title I schools who were under federal sanctions and in "school improvement" status that were designated by the Governor as "PASS Priority Schools." The beginning of the 2004-05 school year marks the completion of two years of the PASS program which has evolved into new technical assistance models and resulted in the "graduation" of six (19%) PASS schools that are not longer under federal sanctions.

Summary of Major Elements

A brief oral report of the implementation of the PASS Initiative will be provided, including an explanation of the various models of technical assistance being field-tested by the department. Indicators of progress for the PASS Priority Schools, the AYP and accreditation status, will be shared.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

N/A

Impact on Resources:

Timetable for Further Review/Action: