

Board of Education Agenda Item

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Date: April 20-21, 2005

Topic: Review and Update: Board of Education's *Six-Year Plan: 2003-2008*

Facilitator: Ms. Brenda Welburn, Executive Director,
National Association of State Boards of Education

Background Information: Ms. Brenda Welburn, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will assist the Board of Education in the deliberations in defining its revised priorities. Ms. Welburn has 30 years of experience in policy development and analysis in education and human service issues. Ms. Welburn's experience in working with state education leaders includes onsite training to state boards in the areas of boardsmanship, strategic planning, goal setting and searches for chief state school officers. Author of *The American Tapestry: Educating a Nation*, a guide to infusing multiculturalism in education, Ms. Welburn has given workshops and presentations around the country on a wide range of education policy issues in the United States.

Summary of Major Elements: The Board of Education is requested to consider and discuss its vision for revising and updating the priorities that are set forth in the *Six-Year Plan 2003-2008*. The current priorities are as follows:

Priority 1: The Board of Education will strengthen Virginia's public schools by providing challenging academic standards for all students.

Priority 2: The Board of Education will enhance the foundation program and the quality standards for public education in Virginia.

Priority 3: The Board of Education will continue efforts to enhance the training, recruitment, and retention of highly qualified teachers and administrators.

Priority 4: The Board of Education will support accountability and continuous improvement in all schools.

Priority 5: The Board of Education will assist teachers to improve the reading skills of all students, especially those at the early grades.

Priority 6: The Board of Education will provide leadership for implementing the provisions of the *No Child Left Behind Act* smoothly and with minimal disruption to local divisions.

Superintendent's Recommendation: N/A

Impact on Resources: N/A

Timetable for Further Review/Action: Following the Board of Education's discussion at the Planning Session, a draft of the Board of Education's revised Comprehensive Plan for 2005-2011 will be developed by Department of Education staff and presented for approval. Following approval of the draft, the Board of Education will determine the schedule for soliciting statewide input into the proposed priorities set forth in the draft plan. After that process is completed, the final draft of the plan will be presented for final adoption by the Board of Education. The specific timetable for this process is to be determined by the Board of Education.