

**Public Hearing on the Proposed  
Regulations Governing Local  
School Boards and School Divisions  
(8VAC 20-720-10 et seq.)**

In April 2009, the Board of Education authorized the Department of Education to announce public comment on a proposed new regulation entitled *Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions*. Pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Process Act and the relevant Executive Order, the proposed regulations are now open for public comment. The public hearing will be held at the adjournment of the Board's business meeting on November 17, 2009.

This regulatory action proposes to simultaneously repeal a number of old, outdated regulations and promulgate a new regulation that contains still-relevant sections of the old regulations. Thus, this regulatory action intends to consolidate a number of pertinent provisions, while eliminating outdated ones.

The *Regulations Governing School Boards Local*, 8 VAC 20-490-10 et seq., were adopted on or before September 1, 1980. These regulations have not been amended since that time. Additionally, several other regulations currently exist that address regulatory requirements for local school boards and school divisions. Some of the current regulations were adopted on or about September 1, 1980, as well. Because many of the provisions within these regulations, and in some cases, the entire regulation, are now outdated, they lend themselves to consolidation into the *Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions*.

The new regulation amends and reenacts the *Regulations Governing School Boards Local* (8 VAC 20-490-10 et seq.) into the *Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions* (8 VAC-20-720-10 et seq.) by consolidating it with several applicable regulations into one concise regulation.

The regulations to be consolidated into the new regulation are as follows:

8 VAC 20-150-10 et seq.	Regulations Governing Management of the Student's Scholastic Record in the Public Schools of Virginia
8 VAC 20-180-10	Regulations Governing School Community Programs
8 VAC 20-210-10	Classification of Expenditures
8 VAC 20-240-10 et seq.	Regulations Governing School Activity Funds
8 VAC 20-250-10	Regulations Governing Testing Sight and Hearing of Pupils
8 VAC 20-310-10	Rules Governing Instruction Concerning Drugs and Substance Abuse
8 VAC 20-320-10	Regulations Governing Physical and Health Education
8 VAC 20-390-10 et seq.	Rules Governing Division Superintendent of Schools
8 VAC 20-410-10	Rules Governing Allowable Credit for Teaching Experience

8 VAC 20-420-10	Regulations Governing Personnel in Public School Libraries Operated Under Joint Contract Under Control of Local School Board or Boards
8 VAC 20-460-10 et seq.	Regulations Governing Sick Leave Plan for Teachers
8 VAC 20-490-10 et seq.	Regulations Governing School Boards Local
8 VAC 20-565-10 et seq.	Regulations for the Protection of Students as Participants in Human Research

The current provisions within regulations that are to be incorporated into the *Regulation Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions* will be repealed simultaneously with the promulgation of the new regulation.

**Guidelines for speakers attending the public hearing:**

Speakers will be recognized in the order in which they registered on the sign-up sheet.

Each speaker is limited to three minutes.