

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



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Date: October 25, 2012

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| Title | First Review of the Board of Education's <i>2012 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia</i> | | |
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Purpose of Presentation:

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Action Requested:

Action will be requested at a future meeting. Specify anticipated date below:
November 29, 2012

Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:

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| X | Goal 1: Expanded Opportunities to Learn |
| X | Goal 2: Accountability of Student Learning |
| X | Goal 3: Nurturing Young Learners |
| X | Goal 4: Strong Literacy and Mathematics Skills |
| X | Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Teachers and Administrators |
| X | Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success |
| X | Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools |
| | Other Priority or Initiative. Specify: |

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Goals 1-7: The *2012 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia* contains information on Virginia's public schools, including an analysis of student academic performance and a report on the school divisions' compliance with the requirements of the Standards of Quality and the Standards of Accreditation. The Report also provides an overview of the Board's goals for public education, actions taken to address those goals over the past year, and an assessment of the extent to which the goals are being met.

The *Code of Virginia* states the following:

§ 22.1-18. Report on education and standards of quality for school divisions; when submitted and effective.

By November 15 of each year, the Board of Education shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a report on the condition and needs of public education in the Commonwealth and shall

identify any school divisions and the specific schools therein which have failed to establish and maintain schools meeting the existing prescribed standards of quality. Such standards of quality shall be subject to revision only by the General Assembly, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of Virginia. Such report shall include a complete listing of the current standards of quality for the Commonwealth's public schools, together with a justification for each particular standard, how long each such standard has been in its current form, and whether the Board recommends any change or addition to the standards of quality.

§ 22.1-253.13:6. Standard 6. Planning and public involvement.

A. ...In the annual report required by § 22.1-18, the Board shall include an analysis of the extent to which these Standards of Quality have been achieved and the objectives of the statewide comprehensive plan have been met...

Summary of Important Issues:

The Report contains the following major components:

- Introduction with highlights of academic achievements of students in the Commonwealth.
- Discussion of the Board of Education's goals for public education and the actions taken by the Board in 2011-2012 to address the goals.
- An assessment of the extent to which the Board's goals are being met.
- Discussion of the critical needs of public schools in the Commonwealth.
- Statutory requirements:
 - Report on multidivision online providers
 - Compliance with the requirements of the Standards of Quality
 - Compliance with the Standards of Accreditation
 - Annual charter school report

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

Any costs associated with the development and dissemination of the report will be provided by Department of Education funds according to state procurement policies and procedures.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

The draft *2012 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia* will be revised to reflect all Board member feedback, as well as any public comments received. A final draft of the report will be presented at the November 29, 2012, Board of Education meeting. Upon Board approval, and any technical or editorial edits by Department staff, the report will be submitted to the Governor and Virginia General Assembly.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education accept for first review the *2012 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia*, and directs department staff to make necessary revisions to reflect Board member feedback.