

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: B

Date: November 29, 2012

Title	Final 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:

Previous review and action. Specify date and action taken below:

Date: October 25, 2012

Action: First Review

Action Requested:

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

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

X	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
X	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
X	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
X	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
X	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
X	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
X	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
X	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...

§ 22.1-212.15. Report of public charter schools.

The Board shall report the number of public charter schools established in the Commonwealth, as well as the number of charters denied, in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly pursuant to § 22.1-18.

§ 22.1-212.25. Information regarding online courses and virtual programs; report.

C. Beginning November 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Board of Education shall include in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly information regarding multidivision online learning during the previous school year. The information shall include but not be limited to student demographics, course enrollment data, parental satisfaction, aggregated student course completion and passing rates, and activities and outcomes of course and provider approval reviews. The November 1, 2011, report shall be an interim progress report and include information on the criteria and processes adopted by the Board and outcomes of provider applications.

Summary of Important Issues:

The Report contains the following major components:

- Executive Summary with highlights of academic achievements of students and the critical needs of public education.
- 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 education in the Commonwealth.
- Statutory requirements:
 - Proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality
 - Compliance with the requirements of the Standards of Quality
 - Compliance with the Standards of Accreditation
 - Annual charter school report
 - Report on multidivision online providers

As a result of Board discussion at the October 25, 2012, meeting, the following changes have been made to the report:

- Added an Executive Summary, including highlights of student achievement and critical needs of public education.

- Added chronically underperforming schools as a critical challenge.
- Reordered critical needs.
- Noted Board recommended revisions to the Standards of Quality in discussion of continued investment in resources, as a critical need
- Added a statement about the need for cost-effective ways to compare Virginia students to international benchmarks.
- Updated data for the report card and appendices.
- Added information related to Virtual Virginia.

Upon adoption of the Board, the proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality will be added to the Annual 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:

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 approve the *2012 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia*, with the understanding that department staff will make any technical and editorial adjustments as may be necessary.