

# Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



**Agenda Item:** G

**Date:** February 23, 2017

<b>Title</b>	Report on the Timeline and Draft Outline for the Development of the <i>Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017-2022</i>		
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**Purpose of Presentation:**

For information only. No action required.

**Previous Review or Action:**

No previous review or action.

**Action Requested:**

No action requested.

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

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
X	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify: Board of Education <i>Comprehensive Plan 2017-2022</i>

**Background Information and Statutory Authority:**

This item addresses the requirement that the Board of Education Comprehensive Plan include a long-range plan for technology integration consistent with or as part of the Plan. The next educational technology plan for Virginia will be aligned with and supportive of the Board of Education *Comprehensive Plan 2017-2022*. In so doing, the Department will develop an educational technology plan that will provide guidance to the school divisions as they develop their own local technology plans.

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

A. “The Board shall also develop, consistent with, or as a part of, its comprehensive plan, a detailed comprehensive, long-range plan to integrate educational technology into the Standards of Learning and the curricula of the public schools in Virginia, including career and technical education programs. The Board shall review and approve the comprehensive plan for educational technology and may require the revision of such plan as it deems necessary.”

The Commonwealth's first long-range technology plan was the *1988-1994 Six-Year Technology Plan for Virginia*. Three long-range plans have been produced since then with the most recent plan being the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2010-2015* (the other two were 1996-2002 and 2003-2009). The *2015-2017 Addendum to the Educational Technology Plan for Virginia 2010-2015* was approved by the Board in June 2015.

Generally, these plans have been developed apart from the Board's *Comprehensive Plan*. Treating technology separately from other educational priorities made sense in the earlier days, when a specific focus on educational technology was needed to give technology a greater presence in the classroom environment. Educational technology meant that schools had a few computers, a couple of modems and a few enthusiastic teachers who used technology for special projects. It also made sense because technology demands a systemic view—one must consider a variety of things such as infrastructure, device compatibility, and professional development in order to support the use of technology in learning.

However, since then technology has become more and more a part of every facet of schooling, from scheduling school buses to scheduling student classes, from learning how to play an instrument to learning how to communicate with other students around the world, from assessing students to introducing them to job skills. Technology is no longer a stand-alone focus and the systems that supported educational technology now support significantly more of what school divisions do. It is part of how educational goals are met.

The decisions made by the Board for their long-range technology plan impact the schools, as divisions must have a long-range plan which aligns to the state plan.

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

B. "The divisionwide comprehensive plan shall include, but shall not be limited to... (vii) a technology plan designed to integrate educational technology into the instructional programs of the school division, including the school division's career and technical education programs, consistent with, or as a part of, the comprehensive technology plan for Virginia adopted by the Board of Education..."

### **Summary of Important Issues:**

In the most recent state technology plan and its addendum, school divisions were encouraged to ensure that their technology plans were tied to their comprehensive plans. In so doing, technology was approached as a tool for supporting broad educational goals rather than narrow technology-based ends. This by no means implies that schools do not need experts, both in overseeing/maintaining technology and mentors who can help their fellow educators to effectively use technology as a learning tool. It does mean that divisions should continue to approach their use and support for technology as a systemic issue.

Attachment A provides the proposed Timeline for the development of the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017-2022*.

Attachment B provides the *2015-2017 Addendum to the Educational Technology Plan for Virginia 2010-2015*.

Attachment C provides a draft outline for the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017-2022*,

developed with assistance from an ad-hoc group of internal advisors from the Virginia Department of Education.

**Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:**

The Department of Education develops the Educational Technology Plan for Board review and approval. The agency's existing resources can absorb this responsibility at this time.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction anticipates presenting the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017-2022* to the Board for first review in September 2017.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive this report.



# Virginia State Board of Education

## Report on the Timeline and First Draft Outline for the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017-2022*

February 23, 2017

# Timeline and First Draft Outline for the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017 - 2022*

## January – March 2017

- Supts. Memo released
- Notify stakeholders and encourage feedback
- Draft outline presented to Board of Education
- Review of public comment
- Review Team created from divisions and stakeholder groups
- Focus groups meetings held

## March – June 2017

- Review Team reviews documents, along with comments from the public and focus groups. Creates draft plan.

# Timeline and First Draft Outline for the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017 - 2022*

July – September 2017

- DOE prepares draft plan
- First draft of plan posted for public comment
- First review of plan by Board of Education
- First draft of plan updated based upon Board feedback

October 2017

- Updated draft of plan released for public comment

# Timeline and First Draft Outline for the *Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2017 - 2022*

November 2017

- Public comment reviewed
- Final review of plan by Board of Education

December 2017

- Public release of plan

# Questions and Comments?