

Virginia Board of Education’s Committee on School and Division Accountability  
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Page 2: Responsibilities of the Virginia Board of Education and Department of Education, #2	The State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board President will meet with the Local Board President at least twice per year to facilitate communication and regular updates. Other members of the State Board and local Board may be invited to meet in addition to these meetings at the discretion of the State Board. If additional meetings are held, all shall be conducted according to applicable Open Meeting Laws.	Expand meetings with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board President to include Richmond School Board members	The State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board President will meet with the Local Board <del>President</del> <b>Chair and any other interested Richmond School Board members</b> at least twice per year to facilitate communication and regular updates. <del>Other members of the State Board and local Board may be invited to meet in addition to these meetings at the discretion of the State Board. If additional meetings are held,</del> <b>All meetings</b> shall be conducted according to applicable Open Meeting Laws.

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Page 2: Responsibilities of the Virginia Board of Education and Department of Education, #4a	OSI staff will review Richmond City School’s planned uses of local funds and will provide feedback to the Superintendent of Richmond City Public Schools on a quarterly basis. Any concerns resulting from this review and subsequent feedback will be reported to the Director of OSI.	Request to narrow the review of local funds	OSI staff will review Richmond City School’s planned uses of <b>selected</b> local funds and will provide feedback to the Superintendent of Richmond City Public Schools on a quarterly basis. Any concerns resulting from this review and subsequent feedback will be reported to the Director of OSI.

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Page 2: Responsibilities of the Virginia Board of Education and Department of Education, #4b	OSI staff, in consultation with the Director of the Office of School Improvement, will review and approve planned uses and actual expenditures of state and federal funds. Approval from OSI staff is required before purchase orders or contracts involving state and federal funding can be executed and requests for reimbursements can be made.	Request to narrow review and approval of planned uses and actual expenditures of state and federal funds	OSI staff, in consultation with the Director of the Office of School Improvement, will review and approve planned uses and actual expenditures of <b>selected</b> state and federal funds.  Approval from OSI staff is required before purchase orders or contracts involving <b>selected</b> state and federal funding can be executed and requests for reimbursements can be made.

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Page 3, #1 Qualifications of the Division Superintendent	The credentials of applicants must include experience in leading successful school and division turnaround efforts as evidenced by a multi-year trajectory of improved student achievement outcomes on the Virginia Standards of Learning tests or comparable state-mandated assessments in school divisions outside of Virginia.	Eliminate requirement that superintendent have experience in leading successful school and division turnaround efforts	The credentials of applicants must include <b>evidence of requisite experience</b> necessary to lead successful school and division turnaround efforts. <del>as evidenced by a multi-year trajectory of improved student achievement outcomes on the Virginia Standards of Learning tests or comparable state-mandated assessments in school divisions outside of Virginia.</del>

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Page 4, #6	<p>The Richmond City School Board will approve a corrective action plan for the essential actions identified in the MOU and submit this plan to the Virginia Board of Education for review and approval at a time to be determined by the President of the Virginia Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Richmond City School Board will show evidence that the plan was shared with stakeholders for feedback and this feedback was acted upon in the corrective action plan submitted to the Virginia Board of Education for approval.</p>	<p>Provide examples of stakeholder groups</p>	<p>The Richmond City School Board will approve a corrective action plan for the essential actions identified in the MOU and submit this plan to the Virginia Board of Education for review and approval at a time to be determined by the President of the Virginia Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Richmond City School Board will show evidence that the plan was shared with stakeholders, <b>including but not limited to teachers, building administrators, central office administrators, parent, community member, and business partners</b> for feedback and this feedback was acted upon in the corrective action plan submitted to the Virginia Board of Education for approval.</p>

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Page 5, #11	<p>The Richmond City School Board will permit an OSI selected representative to meet with the local board in an ex-officio, non-voting, member capacity should the division fail to have all of its schools <i>Fully Accredited</i> by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. The OSI selected representative will assume the same rights and responsibilities of all other School Board members and will be expected to attend both public and closed session meetings.</p>	<p>Clarify role of DOE representative on the Richmond Board in sitting in on closed sessions</p>	<p>The Richmond City School Board will permit an OSI selected representative to meet with the local board in an ex-officio, non-voting, member capacity should the division fail to have all of its schools <i>Fully Accredited</i> by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. The OSI selected representative will assume the same rights and responsibilities of all other School Board members and will be expected to attend both public and closed session meetings <b>unless his/her presence in a closed session would result in a conflict of interest.</b></p>