

Dr. Staples addresses the work needed to meet Virginia's high standards (:47)

I think we have to gauge progress and continuing to move the needle forward with the types of students that we're trying to get over that hurdle. You've got to remember that the standards that the board has set are high expectations. These are not minimal expectations. So what we're talking about is getting the last percentage group of students over an extremely high hurdle and that's tough work. It's not as simple as moving the needle when you're at 50 percent and you're going to 58. We already have well over 70 percent of our students meeting these higher expectation standards. So to get the last few over, many be a tougher pull for us simply because those are the students who've started further away from meeting those standards in the first place.