



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: P

Date: October 20, 2022

Title: First Review of the Board of Education's 2022 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia

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Purpose of Presentation:

Action required by state or federal law or regulation

Executive Summary:

The *2022 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia* (Annual Report) provides an overview of the needs of public education, an update on student achievement, and highlights the Board's work over the past year. Additionally, the Annual Report outlines the condition of public education including education funding as compared to other states, student enrollment trends, staff vacancies, and graduation and dropout rates.

The Annual Report is required by Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Virginia and [§22.1-18](#) of the *Code of Virginia*.

The current draft does not include an executive summary, a completed list of Board accomplishments, and the required reports outlined in the *Code*. These items will be added for the Board's consideration between first and final review, along with updated data points and any necessary edits based on Board discussion.

Action Requested:

Action will be requested at a future meeting. Specify anticipated date below:
November 17, 2022

Superintendent's Recommendation

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive for first review the *2022 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia*.

Previous Review or Action:

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

Date: October 19, 2022

Action: Board discussion during work session

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

The following constitutional provision is provided for the Annual Report:

Section 5. Powers and duties of the Board of Education

(b) It shall make annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the condition and needs of public education in the Commonwealth, and shall in such report identify any school divisions which have failed to establish and maintain schools meeting the prescribed standards of quality.

The following statutory requirements are provided for the Annual Report:

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

By December 1 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 that 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:

- 1. 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;*
- 2. Information regarding parent and student choice within each school division and any plans of such school divisions to increase school choice;*
- 3. A complete listing of each report that local school divisions are required to submit to the Board or any other state agency, including name, frequency, and an indication of*

whether the report contains information that the local school division is also required to submit to the federal government; and

4. A complete listing of each report pertaining to public education that local school divisions are required to submit to the federal government, including name and frequency.

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Timetable for Further Review/Action:

The report will be brought to the Board for final review and approval in November. Upon Board approval of the report, and any technical edits by Department staff, the report will be submitted to the Governor and Virginia General Assembly by December 1, 2022.

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.