



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: G

Date: November 6, 2023

Title: Memorandum on Per-Pupil Funding of College Partnership Laboratory Schools

Presenter: Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation

Purpose of Presentation

For information only: No action required.

Executive Summary

On October 3, 2023, the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee (“Standing Committee”) directed staff at the Virginia Department of Education (“VDOE”) to develop a guidance document that provides clear parameters (e.g., what is allowable, how to calculate, etc.) of per pupil funding to ensure Laboratory School Applicant compliance with the Code of Virginia requirements.

Since the October 3, 2023, meeting, the VDOE Budgeting Team has reviewed Virginia State Law and has proposed the following memorandum on Per-Pupil Funding of College Partnership Laboratory Schools which would be included as an Informational Addendum to the College Partnership Laboratory School Application (“Application”).

Memorandum on Per-Pupil Funding of College Partnership Laboratory Schools

The College Partnership Laboratory School Fund, established pursuant to § 22.1-349.2 of the Code of Virginia, was appropriated \$100.0 million in general funds pursuant to Chapter 2, Item 137.C.44, Special Session I General Assembly. The budget language appropriates up to \$5.0 million for planning grants, up to \$20.0 million for initial startup grants, and the remaining funds to support grants for per-pupil operating costs.

From Chapter 2, Item 137.C.44:

44. College Partnership Laboratory Schools Fund

- a. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the College Partnership Laboratory Schools Fund established pursuant to § 22.1-349.2, Code of Virginia.
- b. The Board of Education is authorized to award up to \$5,000,000 from the College Partnership Laboratory Schools Fund for planning grants to entities pursuing the creation of new college partnership laboratory schools.
- c. The Board of Education is authorized to award up to \$20,000,000 from the College Partnership Laboratory Schools Fund to approved college partnership laboratory schools to assist with initial startup costs.
- d. The Board of Education is authorized to distribute remaining amounts from the College Partnership Laboratory Schools Fund to support per-pupil costs for approved college partnership laboratory schools.

The Board of Education (“Board”) guidelines, adopted at its meeting on August 17, 2022, established the basis for per-pupil operational cost grants that can be paid out of the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund. The basis of the per-pupil grant amount includes, but is not limited to, the total per-pupil shares of the following Direct Aid formula accounts:

- SOQ Basic Aid
- Textbooks
- Special Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Prevention, Intervention, and Remediation,
- Gifted,
- Fringe Benefits
- Compensation Supplement
- At-Risk Add-on
- Infrastructure & Operations Per Pupil Fund

Based on the Board guidelines, the per-pupil costs calculated for fiscal year 2024 equal \$9,578. Operational per-pupil funds paid directly to college partnership laboratory schools shall not exceed the benchmark value calculated based on the Board guidelines.

Action Requested

No action requested.

Previous Review or Action

No previous review or action:

Background Information and Statutory Authority

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