



# VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# AGENDA ITEM

**Agenda Item:** B

**Date:** December 12, 2023

**Title:** Final Review Board Annual Report

**Presenter:** Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

### **Purpose of Presentation**

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

### **Executive Summary**

The 2023 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.

Since first review, the following items have been added or updated:

- Added paragraph to the Executive Summary about the regulatory action on the *Standards of Accountability*
- Added sentence to the section on “Teacher Vacancy and Recruitment Strategies” about the Board’s review data used in the 2023 teacher vacancy study by JLARC
- Updated College Partnership Laboratory School tables
- Added sentence to the section on “Prescriptions on the Standards of Quality” about the Board’s support of moving to a student-based funding formula
- Updated appendices
- Stylistic and grammatical edits

**Action Requested**

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**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction (“Superintendent”) recommends that the Board of Education approve the *2023 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia* and delegate authority for any final edits to the Board President and the Superintendent.

**Rationale for Action**

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.

**Previous Review or Action**

No previous review or action.

**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 it 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.

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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.

#### **Implementation and Communication**

Upon approval by the Board, the 2023 Annual Report will be sent to the Governor and the General Assembly.

#### **Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources**

This action has no impact on fiscal or human resources.