



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: B

Date: January 25, 2024

Title: Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund and Updates to the First Priority Waiting List

Presenter: Kent C. Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Purpose of Presentation:

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Executive Summary:

The Literary Fund provides low-interest loans for new school construction and for additions or permanent improvements to existing schools to help provide students with a safe and secure environment in which to learn. In accordance with the provisions of the *Code of Virginia*, Chapter 10, Section [22.1-142](#), the Board of Education is responsible for the management of the Literary Fund. Attachment 1 reflects the financial position of the Literary Fund as of September 30, 2023. The information presented in this statement reflects the commitments against the Literary Fund as of September 30, 2023. Attachment 2 reflects the currently active projects funded through the Literary Fund as of September 30, 2023. There are no updates requested at this time to the First Priority Waiting List.

This item aligns with Priority 5 of the Board's *Comprehensive Plan 2024–2029*: to advance safe and healthy schools.

Action Requested:

First and final review: Action requested at this meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendation

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education approve Attachments 1 and 2.

Rationale for Action:

Staff has reviewed the attachments, which reflect the financial activity authorized for the Literary Fund through September 30, 2023.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

This report reflects the status of the Literary Fund as of September 30, 2023, including the total principal, as well as cash, investments, and all short-/long-term loans.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

The Department staff will prepare a quarterly financial report on this fund for Board approval. Information will also be presented, as changes occur, regarding those projects on the waiting list. Also, based on current appropriation act authority, another open application process for school divisions to apply for construction loans began on September 21, 2023, and ended on November 16, 2023.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

As funds become available in the Literary Fund, recommendations will be made to the Board for funding priority projects, projects at the top of the First Priority Waiting List, and projects recommended for loans through the open application process, with the cash balance of the Literary Fund reduced as loan requests are processed.