



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: B

Date: April 25, 2024

Title: First and 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

In accordance with the provisions [Chapter 10 of Title 22.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board of Education (“Board”) is responsible for the management of the Literary Fund.

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

Attachment 1 reflects the financial position of the Literary Fund as of December 31, 2023. The information presented in this statement reflects the commitments against the Literary Fund as of December 31, 2023. Attachment 2 reflects the currently active projects funded through the Literary Fund as of December 31, 2023. There are no updates requested at this time to the First Priority Waiting List.

Action Requested

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 December 31, 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 December 31, 2023, including the total principal, as well as cash, investments, and all short-/long-term loans.

Implementation and Communication

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 March 21, 2024, and ends on May 23, 2024.

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.