

- D. Additional expenses incurred by schools, i.e. liability insurance, equipment, administrative
 - E. Immunization discrepancies
 - F. Participation in team sports and supports positive development and well-being of all students, home instructed students should have access to VHSL activities without enrollment requirements
 - G. Initiative gains momentum each year
4. VSBA proposed position: support the suspension of all legislation concerning non-public school students participating in VHSL activities until the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) conducts a study to determine the impact of such legislation on public schools.
 5. 2012 position: ACPS supports its current School Board policy (JECB) regarding student participation in activities.

D. ACTIVITIES: Part-time students must enroll in at least one academic class (high school) or one instructional unit (middle school) for each extracurricular or club activity in which they choose to participate and may apply to participate in other activities with the permission of the principal. Part-time students wishing to participate in an extracurricular or club activity shall satisfy the same or equivalent criteria (including Virginia High School League regulations) required for such activities that full-time students must satisfy and shall participate in any try-out or selection process required of full-time students.

School Board action available: Support current position
 Revise current position
 No position

- **Kinship Care**

1. SB 217 (Del. G. Barker, D-39th) allows student to enroll in school where living with care provider, and changes requirement from a Court Order authorizing care provider to allow a power of attorney. 2012 passed House 83-14, passed Senate 23-17, vetoed by Governor.

School Board action available: Develop position
 No position

- **Mandates**

1. 2012 School Board position: ACPS opposes efforts to institute mandates upon the school division without funding methods provided.

School Board action available: Support current position
 Revise current position
 No position

- **Merit Pay**

1. 2012 School Board position: ACPS opposes merit pay based on test scores. ACPS supports evidence-based locally-developed differentiated compensation models in order to improve recruitment and retention of teachers, administrators and classified staff.

School Board action available: Support current position

Revise current position
No position

- **Standards of Quality**

1. Draft Statement of Support/Opposition for School Board consideration:

- ACPS opposes changes in the SOQ Funding Formula which would reduce any funds to local school divisions
- ACPS supports restoration of state general fund revenues as the funding source for the SOQ and incentive programs that are now funded from Lottery Proceeds
- ACPS supports the Virginia Attorney General's opinion that rebenchmarking should reflect the actual cost of providing K12 public education
- ACPS supports a JLARC study of the allocation of funding for the SOQ

School Board action available: Support proposed statement
 Oppose proposed statement
 No position

- **Student Discipline**

1. Several bills prefiled for 2013 General Assembly to mandate notification and procedures regarding specific student discipline issues
2. Reference to Florida and Mississippi legislation "stand your ground."

Draft Statement of Support/Opposition for School Board consideration:

- Maintain current statutory authority of local school boards to adopt regulations permitting discipline procedures
- Oppose universally-applicable restrictions on local school board authority to discipline students for specific actions or behaviors; and oppose mandates to provide educational services (other than those served Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act) that the school board has suspended, expelled, or excluded. (i.e. , Florida, Mississippi "stand your ground" legislation)

School Board action available: Support proposed statement
 Oppose proposed statement
 No position

- **Teacher Contracts, HB 576** (Del. Dickie Bell, R-20th) 2012 passed House 55-43, failed Senate 17-23
2013 draft includes:

1. No change to contract provisions in Virginia Code
2. Teachers receiving 2 consecutive unacceptable ratings, or 2 in any 3-year period, would be dismissed without grievance availability
3. Any unacceptable rating must receive concurrence of evaluator's superior, to ensure division leadership is aware of concerns
4. Probationary periods for teachers and principals of 3 year minimum (may be longer); HB 576 previously required 5 years

5. Continuing contract status requires “proficient” or “exemplary” rating for the final year of probationary period
6. Division must provide teacher with “exemplary” rating with public recognition
7. Note: if HB 576 increases teacher contract days, state should provide necessary funding to pay for the additional days
8. 2012 School Board no position

School Board action available: Support legislative initiative
 Oppose legislative initiative
 No position

- **Virtual Schools**

1. Statement of Support/Opposition: Oppose any legislation which would require funding to “follow the student” in situations in which the home school division offers a virtual school program but the student elects to enroll in a program in a different division. Funding, curriculum and student access to virtual schools should be the decision of the local School Board in compliance with the Standards of Accreditation.

School Board action available: Support legislative statement
 Oppose legislative statement
 No position

- **VRS**

1. 2012 ACPS School Board position: ACPS supports restoring funds to the Virginia Retirement System.

School Board action available: Support current position
 Revise current position
 No position

General Assembly TIMELINE

Monday, December 17, 2012 – Governor presents proposed amendments to the 2012-14 budget to the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees, Richmond.

Friday, January 4, 2013 – Regional public hearings on the budget in Prince William, Roanoke, Virginia Beach, Petersburg

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – General Assembly convenes

Sunday, February 3, 2013 – Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees report budgets

Saturday, February 23, 2013 – Sine Die

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 – Reconvened “veto” session, Richmond

RECENT JLARC REPORTS ON EDUCATION:

Strategies to Promote 3rd Grade Reading Performance (2011)

Key Findings: Valuable teacher supports include ongoing professional development, literacy coaches, reading specialists; and additional staff to assist in the classroom

Review of Year-Round Schools (October 9, 2012)

Key Findings: Does not necessarily improve SOL scores of all students, but certain students groups, were more likely to improve at a faster rate; “single-track” year-round schools increased operating costs in Virginia by 3% on average. “Multi-track” calendars could increase facility capacity.

Three Pending JLARC Reports Related to Education:

Scheduled December 10, 2012

Incentives for Regional Collaboration on Local Government Functions

Cost of Competing Adjustment in SOQ Funding (last evaluated by JLARC in 1995)

State Spending on SOQ: 2012 update (annual update)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012

10:30am-12:00pm

Room 235 COB

Legislators attending:

Delegate Rob Bell

Delegate Matt Fariss

Delegate Steve Landes

Delegate David Toscano

Senator Creigh Deeds

Senator Bryce Reeves

School Board members attending:

Steve Koleszar

Diantha McKeel

Jason Buyaki

Ned Gallaway

Anticipated FEDERAL issues

• **Sequestration**

1. Statement of Support/Opposition: Education programs face an estimated reduction of 8.2% or more on January 2, 2013, unless Congress cancels the scheduled budget cuts required by “Sequestration.” ACPS urges Congress to rescind sequestration to protect our nation’s education priorities.

School Board action available:

Support School Board resolution, and letters to federal representatives

Oppose resolution and letters

No position