

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ N. _____

Date: July 17, 2008

Topic: Report from the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted on the Proposed Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students (8 VAC 20-40-30 et seq.)

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Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by
 State or federal law or regulation
 Board of Education regulation
 Other: _____

Action requested at this meeting Action requested at future meeting: _____ (date)

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action
date _____
action _____

Background

The current *Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students* were adopted by the Board of Education in 1993, and they became effective in 1995. At its meeting in September 2006, the Board of Education approved the Department of Education's request for a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to update the *Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students* (8 VAC 20-40-10 et seq.)

Representatives of the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted as well as an advisory group of representatives from school divisions and higher education contributed to the proposed revised regulations. The diverse stakeholders provided suggestions regarding the implementation and development of gifted education programs. Additionally, a study of current literature and practice from the field of gifted education informed the process. An attempt was also made to revise language in the regulations to comport with language in the *Code of Virginia* and the Appropriation Act.

The Board received for first review the proposed revised *Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students* at its meeting on May 30, 2007. In June 2008, the proposed regulations were posted to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall signifying a public comment period from June 23, 2008, through September 26, 2008.

Summary of Major Elements

The president of the Board of Education has invited the chair of the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted to report on the Committee's response to the proposed revised regulations.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive the report.

Impact on Resources:

None

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Four public hearings have been scheduled around the state on September 22 – 25, 2008. The public comment period will remain open through September 26, 2008.