

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: J.

Date: July 22, 2010

Topic: Report on the Department of Education's Work Plan for the Establishment of Virtual School Programs (House Bill 1388 and Senate Bill 738)

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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

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Background Information:

The General Assembly passed House Bill 1388 and Senate Bill 738 authorizing the establishment of Virtual School Programs. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is charged with developing and implementing criteria and an application process for approving multidivisional online providers, a process for monitoring approved providers, a process for revocation of a previously approved online provider, and an appeals process for providers whose approval was revoked or application denied.

When these criteria and processes are developed, they will be presented to the Board of Education for approval. The Board also has responsibility for providing an annual report on progress of the initiative to the Governor and General Assembly in November of each year.

The Department of Education must also develop and maintain a Web site that provides constituencies with information concerning virtual programs offered through local school boards and the process and criteria for approving online providers. Model policies and procedures regarding student access to online offerings will be developed to assist school divisions with local implementation of this legislation.

Summary of Major Elements

This report provides an overview of the Superintendent's work plan to implement Establishment of Virtual School Programs legislation. Major elements include: project timeline, external-internal constituency input strategies, project planning, plan deliverable strategies, internal review of deliverables, communications and dissemination plan, final deliverables, implementation and ongoing review.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

N/A

Impact on Resources:

N/A

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Board approval of criteria, application, monitoring, revocation and appeals processes will be sought prior to January 31, 2011.