Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: F. Date: October 26, 2005

Topic: First Review of Additions and Deletions to the Board-Approved List of Supplemental Educational Services Providers Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

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Origin:

___ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

x Board review required by

x State or federal law or regulation

___ Board of Education regulation

___ Other: 

x Action requested at this meeting ___ Action requested at future meeting: __________ (date)

Previous Review/Action:

___ No previous board review/action

x Previous review/action
date September 26, 2002; February 26, 2003; May 28, 2003; July 23, 2003; September 17, 2003; October 22, 2003; November 19, 2003; January 7, 2004; and April 28, 2004; October 28, 2004

action Approved initial list of Supplemental Educational Services Providers and revised list

Background Information: The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires Title I schools that do not meet the state’s adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets for three consecutive years in the same subject area to offer a choice of supplemental educational services to parents of eligible children. Virginia has schools that are offering or are continuing to offer supplemental educational services during the 2005-2006 school year. These services must be offered to eligible students until the identified schools exit Title I School Improvement.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires states to identify and maintain a list of supplemental educational services providers. Supplemental educational services are tutoring and academic enrichment services that are provided in addition to daily instruction outside of the regular school day. A supplemental educational services provider can be a non-profit entity, a for-profit agency, or another school division. The services must be of high quality, research-based, and specifically designed to increase the academic achievement of eligible children in mastering the English and Mathematics Standards of Learning and in achieving proficiency on Standards of Learning tests. NCLB requires that states maintain an approved list of supplemental educational services providers across the state and by school division from which parents can select.
Summary of Major Elements: On July 25, 2002, the Board of Education adopted the NCLB criteria for the approval of supplemental educational services providers. The criteria specified that providers:

- demonstrate the ability to provide parents and the local education agency (LEA) with information on the progress of children in a format and language that parents can understand;
- document a track record of effectiveness;
- ensure that the instruction provided and the content used are consistent with the instruction and content used by the LEA and are aligned with the state’s student academic achievement standards;
- meet all federal, state, and local health and safety and civil rights laws;
- ensure that all instruction and content are neutral and non-ideological; and
- offer services within a financially sound management structure.

The department has received applications in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) from potential supplemental educational services providers. The Board of Education, at its September 2002 meeting, approved the initial list of recommended supplemental educational services providers and recommended revisions to the list in subsequent meetings. As shown below, the department recommends adding four providers to Virginia’s board-approved list and removing two at the providers’ request. Provider contact information is attached.

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Superintendent’s Recommendation: The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and accept the revised board-approved list.

Impact on Resources: School divisions with identified Title I schools in School Improvement are required to set aside an amount equal to 20 percent of the local educational agency’s Title I, Part A, allocation for the provision of supplemental educational services and other Title I School Improvement requirements, as appropriate.
The provisions of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* will have an impact on the agency’s staff resources. This impact can be absorbed through the agency’s existing resources at this time. If the agency is required to assume additional duties related to review and approval of supplemental educational services providers, other services will be impacted.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** The solicitation and review of potential supplemental educational services providers are ongoing.
## ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

**Recommended: October 26, 2005**

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| Aligned Interventions Educational Services | Roberta L. Walker  
P.O. Box 35328  
Richmond, Virginia 23235  
Phone: (804) 357-0111  
Fax: (804) 560-0177  
E-mail: alignmentrules@aol.com  
Web site: N/A                                                                 | Reading/Language Arts  
(K-12)                                                                 | Caroline, Charles  
City, Chesterfield, Henrico, Petersburg, Richmond City |
| Educational Options, Inc.                | Thomas E. Sawner, Chief Executive Officer  
3440 N. Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Phone: (703) 243-7460  
Fax: (703) 248-0704  
E-mail: sawner@edoptions.com  
Web site: http://www.edoptions.com                                                                 | Reading Mathematics  
(7-12)                                                                 | All Divisions |
| Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO)    | Suzanne Swendiman, Director  
2801 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 306  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Phone: (703) 228-7224  
Fax: (703) 288-7205  
E-mail: sswendim@arlington.k12.va.us  
Web site: N/A                                                                 | Reading  
(K-5)                                                                 | Arlington |
| NCLB Tutors                             | Stephannie Wyckoff  
121 South Main Street, Suite 400  
Akron, Ohio 44308  
Phone: (888) 625-2999 Ext. 231  
Fax: (330) 535-7022  
E-mail: stephannie.wyckoff@nclbtutors.com  
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