Report and Recommendations from the Board of Education’s 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee

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Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by

State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other: Board of Education bylaws

Action requested at this meeting

Action requested at future meeting: to be determined

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action

date February 15, 2006

action Board of Education received preliminary report of the Student Advisory Committee

Members of the 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee were selected from more than 100 nominations received in November 2005 from the public middle and high schools across the state. Each school was eligible to nominate one student for consideration. The nominees then had to complete an application packet that included letters of recommendation and essays. Representatives of the Board of Education reviewed all applications and selected the 12 students to be named to the committee. The new members were notified in December 2005.

The membership of the Student Advisory Committee is set forth in Article X of the Board of Education’s bylaws. Of the 12 members of the Student Advisory Committee, eight high school students were selected to represent the Department of Education’s eight Superintendents’ Study Group regions, and four middle school students were selected at-large (see attached membership list).

The 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee met on January 5, 2006, to begin its work of studying and formulating recommendations on topics of concern and interest to the students in the public schools in Virginia. The committee members identified three priority topics for study and divided the membership into three study groups, as follows:
• Group 1: Peer Mediation Programs and Alternative Methods of Discipline;
• Group 2: Student Awareness of the Real World and Smoothly Integrating Technology; and
• Group 3: A Spirit of the Commonwealth Award and Recognition of Diversity of Interests in Education.

Following the first meeting, the members researched their topics and reported their findings at the second meeting, which was held on February 14, 2006. A preliminary report on the topics was given to the Board of Education on February 15, 2006.

The 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee’s last meeting is scheduled for April 25-26, 2006. At this meeting, the Student Advisory Committee will formulate its specific recommendations regarding each of the three topics and report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Education.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** N/A

**Impact on Resources:** N/A

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** The timetable for further review of the students’ recommendations is to be determined by the Board of Education.
Members of the 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee

Victoria Artis
Daniel Morgan Middle School
Winchester, Virginia

Christina Azimi
James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School
Fairfax, Virginia

Michael Burt
Hidden Valley High School
Roanoke, Virginia

Taikein Cooper
Prince Edward County High School
Farmville, Virginia

Jennifer Deskins
Bruton High School
Williamsburg, Virginia

Vincent Feucht
West Point High School
West Point, Virginia

Carlie Fogleman
Lebanon High School
Lebanon, Virginia

Stacey LaRiviere
Bailey Bridge Middle School
Midlothian, Virginia

Adrian Lehnen
George Washington Middle School
Alexandria, Virginia

Dion Quick
Hugo Owens Middle School
Chesapeake, Virginia

Franklin Tennyson
Hermitage High School
Glen Allen, Virginia

Alexandra Whitehead
Staunton River High School
Moneta, Virginia