| **Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item** | **Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia** |
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# Agenda Item: P

## Date: January 24, 2019

### Title: Report from the Virginia is for Learners Advisory Committee

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## Purpose of Presentation:

For information only. No action required.

Executive Summary:
The Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with the Education Commission of the States (ECS) and the Hunt Institute, convened an independent committee– the *Virginia is for Learners Advisory Committee­*– to critically evaluate the Commonwealth’s successes in education and to identify areas for further growth. Led by Committee Chair, Dr. Billy Cannaday, the committee identified strategies for the Commonwealth across the following foundational topics:

* College & Career Pathways,
* Curriculum & Instruction,
* Early Childhood Learning,
* Equity, and
* Talent Pipeline.

The committee is comprised of 28 leaders from across Virginia, representing a diverse set of backgrounds, including representatives from the governor’s office, the legislature, the Virginia Board of Education, as well as district superintendents, principals, and teachers, among other constituencies.

On three occasions, the committee met to discuss the critical education topics and develop recommendations to inform the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Virginia Department of Education’s work. The recommendations will guide the Virginia Department of Education’s agenda and strategic planning, which seeks to provide effective learning environments for all students, increase the number of candidates entering the teaching profession, and ensure successful implementation of the “Profile of a Virginia Graduate.”

## Action Requested:

No action requested.

## Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends the Board of Education accept the report from the Virginia is for Learners Advisory Committee.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Background Information and Statutory Authority:
Virginia is for Learners Advisory Committee Roster

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| **Committee Member** | **Title** | **Organization** |
| Mr. Jeremy Anderson | President | Education Commission of the States |
| Dr. June Atkinson | Former Superintendent of Public Instruction | The State of North Carolina  |
| Dr. Shelia Bailey | Executive Director | Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE) |
| The Honorable Jeffrey Bourne | Delegate | Commonwealth of Virginia  |
| Mr. Stephen Bowen | Deputy Executive Director, State Leadership | Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) |
| The Honorable David Bulova | Delegate | Commonwealth of Virginia  |
| Dr. Billy Cannaday | ChairImmediate Past President | Virginia is for Learners Advisory CommitteeVirginia Board of Education |
| Ms. Jenna Conway | Chief School Readiness Officer | Commonwealth of Virginia  |
| Ms. Michelle Cottrell-Williams | 2018 Virginia Teacher of the Year | Wakefield High School, *Arlington, VA* |
| Ms. Leah Dozier Walker | Directory, Office of School Equity and Community Engagement | Virginia Department of Education |
| Mr. Daniel Gecker | President | Virginia Board of Education |
| Ms. Sarah Gross | President | Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers (Virginia PTA) |
| Mr. Allen Hicks | Principal | Hampton Oaks Elementary School, *Stafford, VA* |
| Ms. Gena Keller | Assistant Superintendent for Learning | Virginia Department of Education |
| Ms. Stephanie Krauss | Director of Special Programs | Jobs for the Future (JFF) |
| The Honorable Steven Landes | Delegate | Commonwealth of Virginia  |
| Dr. James Lane | Superintendent of Public Instruction  | Virginia Department of Education |
| The Honorable Mamie Locke | Senator | Commonwealth of Virginia |
| Dr. Pamela Moran | Executive Director2016 Virginia Superintendent of the Year | Virginia Consortium for Learning (VaSCL)Albemarle County Public Schools, *Albemarle County, VA* |
| Ms. Cynthia Prieto | Principal | Harrisonburg High School, *Harrisonburg, VA* |
| The Honorable Atif Qarni | Secretary of Education | Commonwealth of Virginia |
| Dr. Alan Seibert | Superintendent | Salem City Schools, *Salem, VA* |
| Dr. Javaid Siddiqi | President and CEO | The Hunt Institute |
| Dr. Jeffery Smith | SuperintendentPresident | Hampton City Schools, *Hampton, VA*Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) |
| Ms. Sonia Smith | President | Chesterfield Education Association, Virginia Education Association (VEA) |
| Dr. Steven Staples | Former Superintendent of Public Instruction | Commonwealth of Virginia |
| Dr. Jamelle Wilson | MemberDean | Virginia Board of EducationUniversity of Richmond (UR) School of Professional and Continuing Studies  |
| Mr. Michel Zajur | President and CEO | The Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce |

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

## Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources: