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## Date: October 17, 2019

### Title: Accreditation and Accountability Reform in Virginia: Summary of 2019-2020 Accreditation Results *(written report)*

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## Purpose of Presentation:

For information only. No action required.

## Executive Summary: This report (Attachment A) provides a brief overview of the state accountability system based on the 2017 revisions to the *Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* (*8VAC20-131-410)* and summarizes the 2019-2020 school accreditation ratings.

## Action Requested:

No action requested.

## Superintendent’s Recommendation: The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education accept the report on Accreditation and Accountability Reform in Virginia: Summary of 2019-2020 Accreditation Results.

## Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

## **Background Information and Statutory Authority:** Schools’ performance on multiple measures of academic achievement and school quality are used to assign an accreditation rating to schools under the Board of Education’s authority prescribed in *Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* (*8VAC20-131).*

On September 30, 2019, the Virginia Department of Education released school accreditation ratings for the 2019-202 school year. Ninety-two percent of Virginia’s public schools are meeting the state Board of Education’s expectations for achievement and improving student outcomes, and are accredited for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the second year of implementation of the revised system.

**2019-2020 School Accreditation Summary**

| Accreditation Rating | Number of Schools | Percentage of Schools |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Accredited | 1,682 | 92% |
| Accredited Pending Review of Alternative Plan | 5 | <1% |
| Accredited With Conditions | 132 | 7% |
| New School | 6 | <1% |
| Total | 1,825 | 100% |

Timetable for Further Review/Action:  
None.

## Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

None.