



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: B

Date: July 25, 2024

Title: Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund and Updates to the First Priority Waiting List

Presenter: Mr. Kent C. Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Purpose of Presentation

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Executive Summary

The Literary Fund provides low-interest loans for new school construction and for additions or permanent improvements to existing schools to help provide students with a safe and secure environment in which to learn. In accordance with the provisions of the *Code of Virginia*, Chapter 10, Section 22.1-142, the Board of Education is responsible for the management of the Literary Fund. This item aligns with Board of Education Goals: Priority 1: Provide high-quality, effective learning environments for all students. Attachment A reflects the financial position of the Literary Fund as of March 31, 2024. The information presented in this statement reflects the commitments against the Literary Fund as of March 31, 2024. Attachment B reflects the currently active projects funded through the Literary Fund as of March 31, 2024. There are no updates requested at this time to the First Priority Waiting List.

Action Requested

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendation

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education approve Attachments A and B.

Rationale for Action

Staff has reviewed the attachments, which reflect the financial activity authorized for the Literary Fund through March 31, 2024.

Previous Review or Action

No previous review or action.

Background Information and Statutory Authority

This report reflects the status of the Literary Fund as of March 31, 2024, including the total principal, as well as cash, investments, and all short-/long-term loans.

Implementation and Communication

The Department staff will prepare a quarterly financial report on this fund for Board approval. Information will also be presented, as changes occur, regarding those projects on the waiting list. Also, based on appropriation act authority, another open application process for school divisions to apply for construction loans began on March 21, 2024, and concluded on May 23, 2024. Review of applications is pending.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources

As funds become available in the Literary Fund, recommendations will be made to the Board for funding priority projects, projects at the top of the First Priority Waiting List, and projects recommended for loans through the open application process, with the cash balance of the Literary Fund reduced as loan requests are processed.