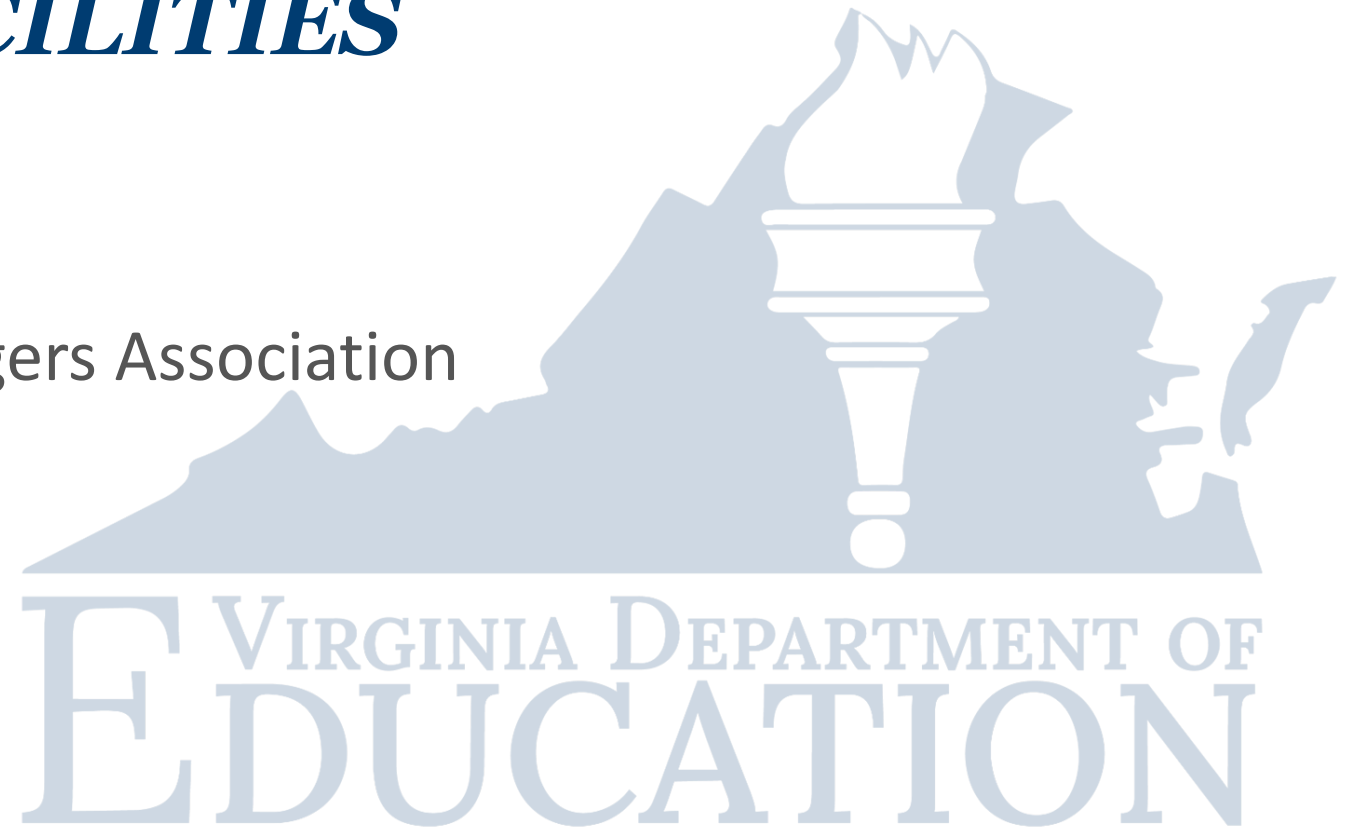


OVERVIEW OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FACILITIES INITIATIVES

Virginia School Plant Managers Association
Conference Presentation

October 1, 2023



OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF

- New Contact Phone number: (804) 750-8715
- A.K.(Vijay) Ramnarain - Director Office of Support Services
 - Alice Matthews – Administrative Support Staff

Facilities Staff

- Ann Belanger, Architectural Consultant
- Nancy Hartigan, Architectural Consultant
- Vacant Position – Architectural/Engineer Position
- Vacant – Part Time Position

Pupil Transportation Staff

- Kerry Miller, Director of Pupil Transportation
- Jackie Johnson, Associate Specialist Transportation
- Troy Myers, Associate Specialist Transportation

CURRENT STATUS: NUMBER OF PK-12 SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA BUILDINGS BY TYPE

School Type	Number of Schools
Elementary	1,192
Middle	312
High	312
Combined Grades	124
Total =	1,940

**Divisions also operate various types of division and regional centers in standalone buildings not included in the totals above.*

***In FY22, divisions reported \$1.043 billion in school facility capital costs, \$1.660 billion in operations and maintenance costs, \$680.8 million in debt service costs, and \$10.235 billion in outstanding debt on school facilities.*

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING IN THE 2022-2024 BUDGET (\$1.25B IN GRANTS & LOANS)

- Formula Grants: *School Construction Grants Program*
 - \$400.0 million
 - Formula allocation to each school division (paid in FY23)
 - Flexible uses, including debt service, and funds can be carried forward by divisions
- Competitive Grants: *School Construction Assistance Program*
 - \$450.0 million in FY23 funds
 - Prioritizes grants to divisions with poor building conditions and higher fiscal need
 - Up-front grant to lower the overall project cost
 - Board has awarded \$365 million in grants to date
- Loans: *Literary Fund*
 - \$400.0 million over the biennium
 - Provides low interest rate loans based on local composite index
 - Funds revolve back to the fund
 - \$153 million in applications approved to date, pending Board release of loans

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING IN THE 2022-2024 BUDGET (\$1.25B IN GRANTS & LOANS)

- Competitive Grants: *School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP)*
 - \$450.0 million in FY23 funds
 - Prioritizes grants to divisions with poor building conditions and higher fiscal need
 - Up-front grant to lower the overall project cost
 - Board has awarded \$365 million in grants to date
 - Maximum amount can be awarded to a school division: \$100M
 - School Divisions with CI below 0.3000: 30% of approved project costs
 - School Divisions with CI > 0.3000, but < 0.4000: 20% of approved project costs
 - All Other School Divisions: 10% of approved project costs

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING IN THE 2022-2024 BUDGET (\$1.25B IN GRANTS & LOANS)

- Competitive Grants: *School Construction Assistance Program(SCAP)*
 - Minimum Score of 65 points based on 11 qualifying criteria
 - Board has awarded \$365 million in grants to date
 - 63 School Divisions Applied
 - 28 School Divisions Awarded funds
 - 40 Projects funded
- Second Issuance called SCAP FY24 has been released on September 28, 2023
 - Applications due by November 28, 2023
 - VDOE Board of Education guidance – Use Same Criteria

OTHER FUNDING INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL DIVISIONS

- School Security Equipment Grant

- Created in 2013; General Assembly modified *Code of Virginia, Va. Code § 22.1-280.2:2.H*
- Original total grant funding: \$6M; increased to \$12M
- Local match of 25% Required
 - VSDB, School Divisions with CI < 0.2000 waived
- **What is allowed and what is not?**
 - Expanded program from original guidelines
 - Include vaping detectors
 - Security vestibule
 - Exterior lighting on existing poles
 - Cameras on Ball fields
 - Security fencing
 - AED's
 - Security devices in school buses (interior security cameras, two-way talk radios), tablets, Id swiping devices

OTHER PROJECTS TO ASSIST SCHOOL DIVISIONS

- M-R FIX Data Collection
 - Commission on School Construction Initiative
- § 22.1-138.3. Department; school division maintenance reserve tool.
- A. The Department, in consultation with the Department of General Services, shall develop or adopt and maintain a data collection tool to assist each school board to determine the relative age of each public school building in the local school division and the amount of maintenance reserve funds that are necessary to restore each such building.
- B. Each school board shall provide to the Department in a timely fashion the local data that is necessary to ensure that the tool maintained pursuant to subsection A remains relevant and useful for the determination of maintenance reserve needs.
 - DGS preparing report on first set of data collected
- C. Will be an annual requirement

SB 1124 (CHAPTER 752) - 2023 SESSION

“§ 1. The Board of Education (the Board) shall make recommendations to the General Assembly for amendments to the Standards of Quality to establish standards for the maintenance and operations, renovation, and new construction of public elementary and secondary school buildings. Such recommendations shall include standards for the percentage of the current replacement value of a public school building that a school board should budget for the maintenance and operations of the building and such other standards as the Board deems appropriate. In developing such recommendations, the Board shall solicit the input of relevant stakeholders and the public. The Board shall submit its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than July 1, 2024.”

SB 1124 - BOARD TO MAKE SOQ RECOMMENDATIONS RE SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Requires the Board of Education to make recommendations to the General Assembly on standards in the SOQ for the maintenance and operations, renovation, and construction of public school buildings
- Recommendations to include standards for the % of Current Replacement Value (CRV) that school board should budget for the maintenance and operations of buildings
- In developing recommendations, the Board of Education
 - To solicit input from relevant stakeholders/public.
 - DOE created a stakeholder workgroup led by Dr. Jeremy Raley
 - To include various state organizations/subject matter experts and scheduling workgroup meetings. Public comment planned as part of the process.
 - Draft recommendations in the spring timeframe.
- Board must submit its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than July 1, 2024

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- Questions