

Alliance for Virginia's Students

Speak up for Students! September 30, 7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Board of Education is holding four regional hearings across the state to hear directly from Virginians like YOU.

Express your support for continued investment in Virginia's students.

Attend a Regional Hearing in Your Area.

- The proposed reduction in state funding for support staff would be a permanent change in how the state funds education, reducing the state's investment in students by \$893 million in 2010-12.
- School support staff play a crucial role helping students to learn, and teachers to teach.
- Students need the support and services provided by attendance, guidance, health, social worker, and other departments in our public schools.
- Low income students in Virginia are almost twice as likely as their more affluent peers to not graduate from high school on time.
- Dropouts are expensive, costing the Commonwealth over \$582,000 in increased crime, increased reliance on social benefits, and decreased income.
- When state education funding is reduced, smaller, low income schools and communities suffer the most and inequities increase.
- Virginia's economic prosperity depends upon a continued investment in Virginia's students, our future workforce.

What: Public Hearings on the Standards of Quality

When: September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Where:

- **Alexandria:**
West Potomac High School, Kogelman Theater, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria
- **Chesapeake:**
Joliff Middle School, 1021 Joliff Rd., Chesapeake
- **Pulaski County:**
Pulaski County High School, 5415 Cougar Trail, Dublin
- **Richmond:**
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, 1000 North Lombardy St., Richmond

Caps hurt kids!

No permanent cuts!

Let's keep our promise to Virginia's students!

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