

**Virginia Preschool Initiative Subgroup
March 25, 2015 1pm Meeting Agenda**

Lt Governor's Conference Room, Oliver Hill Building, 102 Governor Street, Richmond 23218
Via conference call 866-842-5779 with pass code 4752632705

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Discussion of VPI Formula Challenges with VDOE Staff, Kent Dickey and Chris Sorenson
- III. Update on VPI Town Hall
- IV. Planning for Meetings to Discuss Recommendations

Spring VPI Workgroup Meetings in the Oliver Hill Building:

April 9, 1-3pm: Discussion of Recommendations

April 17, 1-3pm (if needed): Finalize Recommendations

April 24, Workgroup Recommendations due to Holly Coy by COB

Next Full CCCS Meeting:

May 4, 2015 at 3pm in West Reading Room of the Patrick Henry Building

Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)

Review of Program Formula Data Elements and Calculation

VPI Subgroup
Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success
March 25, 2015



Review of VPI Formula Data Elements

- **Composite Index**
 - Capped at 0.500 (State pays minimum of 50% for VPI)
- **Projected Kindergarten Fall Membership**
 - Projected FY 16 Fall Membership based on FY 15 actual Fall Membership
- **Free Lunch Percentage (from 2014-2016 Rebenchmarking)**
 - Source: School Nutrition Program
- **Count of Head Start 4-Year-Olds**
 - Data collection conducted during Rebenchmarking from Head Start Programs
- **Full-Day/Half-Day Student Appropriation**
 - Established in the Appropriation Act (\$6,000/\$3,000)



VPI Slot Calculation Data Elements

Composite Index

- Measures the locality's ability to pay education costs. Formula established by General Assembly in the Appropriation Act. Index value represents local share of cost; inverse is state share.
- Re-calculated during every two years during rebenchmarking process. The composite index remains the same during the biennium
- The lowest composite index for 2014-2016 is .1756; the composite index is capped at .8000 for SOQ and other state funding formulas
 - Index is capped at .5000 for the VPI program
- The data for the calculation comes from several sources
 - Much of the data used in the calculation is provided by the Department of Taxation
 - Population is provided by the Weldon Cooper Center and average daily membership (ADM) is provided by DOE



VPI Slot Calculation Data Elements Composite Index

ADM Component =

$$.5 \left[\frac{\text{Local True Value of Property}}{\text{Local ADM}} \right] + .4 \left[\frac{\text{Local Adjusted Gross Income}}{\text{Local ADM}} \right] + .1 \left[\frac{\text{Local Taxable Retail Sales}}{\text{Local ADM}} \right] \\ + .5 \left[\frac{\text{State True Value of Property}}{\text{State ADM}} \right] + .4 \left[\frac{\text{State Adjusted Gross Income}}{\text{State ADM}} \right] + .1 \left[\frac{\text{State Taxable Retail Sales}}{\text{State ADM}} \right]$$

Population Component =

$$.5 \left[\frac{\text{Local True Value of Property}}{\text{Local Population}} \right] + .4 \left[\frac{\text{Local Adjusted Gross Income}}{\text{Local Population}} \right] + .1 \left[\frac{\text{Local Taxable Retail Sales}}{\text{Local Population}} \right] \\ + .5 \left[\frac{\text{State True Value of Property}}{\text{State Population}} \right] + .4 \left[\frac{\text{State Adjusted Gross Income}}{\text{State Population}} \right] + .1 \left[\frac{\text{State Taxable Retail Sales}}{\text{State Population}} \right]$$

Local Composite Index =

$$((.6667 \times \text{ADM Component}) + (.3333 \times \text{Population Component})) \times 0.45 \text{ (average local share)}$$

Source: "Overview of the Standards of Quality Funding Process" http://www.doe.virginia.gov/school_finance/budget/funding_stds_quality/soq_funding_presentation.pptx



VPI Slot Calculation Data Elements

Projected Kindergarten Fall Membership

- Prior to FY13, this component of the calculation used the projected number of four year olds for each locality as estimated by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)
- For FY13 and FY14, the General Assembly changed the formula to use either the projected number of four year olds by the VEC, or the projected number of kindergarten students projected by the DOE, with a hold harmless component
- The formula in the FY15 and FY16 budgets adopted by the 2014 General Assembly utilized the projected number of kindergarten students using September 2013 base fall membership. Also continued a hold harmless provision that added back slots on a prorated basis for divisions impacted by this change in the formula



VPI Slot Calculation Data Elements

Projected Kindergarten Fall Membership

- The 2015 General Assembly adopted an amendment that changed the base year used to project the number of kindergarten students for FY 16
- The projected number of kindergarten students for FY16 is based on September 2014 base fall membership, as reported by school divisions (updated from September 2013)



VPI Slot Calculation Data Elements

Free Lunch Percentage

- School divisions report free and reduced lunch data to DOE as of October of each school year. The percentage of students eligible to receive a free lunch for each division is used in the formula. The 2014-2016 formula uses the data from October 2012

Source: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/statistics/index.shtml>

Head Start Students

- The Department of Social Services collects Head Start data from local Head Start directors every two years as part of the rebenchmarking process.
 - Local programs report the number of four year olds enrolled by the child's resident locality



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS
School Year 2012-2013 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NSLP)
FREE AND REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY REPORT
DIVISION LEVEL

(This report is prepared from data submitted by school divisions as of October 31, 2012)

February 15, 2013

October 2012	SNP Membership	FREE	FREE Percentage (%)	REDUCED Price Eligible	REDUCED Price Percentage (%)	TOTAL F/R Eligible	TOTAL F/R Percentage (%)
001-Accomack County Public Schools	5,134	3,263	63.56%	286	5.57%	3,549	69.13%
002-Albemarle County Public Schools	13,277	3,014	22.70%	608	4.58%	3,622	27.28%
101-Alexandria City Public Schools	13,016	6,074	46.67%	1,320	10.14%	7,394	56.81%
003-Alleghany County Public Schools	2,604	957	36.75%	211	8.10%	1,168	44.85%
004-Amelia County Public Schools	1,794	743	41.42%	112	6.24%	855	47.66%
005-Amherst County Public Schools	4,466	1,822	40.80%	398	8.91%	2,220	49.71%
006-Appomattox County Public Schools	2,261	901	39.85%	176	7.78%	1,077	47.63%
007-Arlington County Public Schools	22,843	5,661	24.78%	1,477	6.47%	7,138	31.25%
008-Augusta County Public Schools	10,771	3,361	31.20%	941	8.74%	4,302	39.94%
009-Bath County Public Schools	651	192	29.49%	97	14.90%	289	44.39%
010-Bedford County Public Schools	10,533	3,034	28.80%	757	7.19%	3,791	35.99%
011-Bland County Public Schools	902	281	31.15%	103	11.42%	384	42.57%
012-Botetourt County Public Schools	4,980	802	16.10%	240	4.82%	1,042	20.92%
102-Bristol City Public Schools	2,392	1,344	56.19%	179	7.48%	1,523	63.67%
013-Brunswick County Public Schools	1,970	1,315	66.75%	219	11.12%	1,534	77.87%
014-Buchanan County Public Schools	3,318	1,777	53.56%	373	11.24%	2,150	64.80%
015-Buckingham County Public Schools	2,127	1,229	57.78%	268	12.60%	1,497	70.38%
103-Buena Vista City Public Schools	1,030	432	41.94%	104	10.10%	536	52.04%
016-Campbell County Public Schools	8,300	2,885	34.76%	563	6.78%	3,448	41.54%
017-Caroline County Public Schools	4,303	1,837	42.69%	383	8.90%	2,220	51.59%
018-Carroll County Public Schools	3,989	1,936	48.53%	426	10.68%	2,362	59.21%



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Dear Head Start Directors:

The Virginia Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) is assisting the Virginia Department of Education in the collection of vital information from all Head Start directors. This information is collected on a biennial basis and is similar to the request made in April, 2011. An accurate count of all four-year-old Head Start children, by locality, is needed to determine the amount of state funding available for the Virginia Preschool Initiative program. Please assist this effort by completing the data collection template attached to this e-mail.

1. Only report children who were four-years-old **on or before September 30, 2012**. Do not report children whose fourth birthday is after this date. Please conduct the count of children **as of March 31, 2013**. Do not include children three years of age or younger.
2. If your program is a combined program that receives funding from several sources, report only those children who are funded by Head Start.
3. Report the number of children served in your Head Start program by their locality of legal residence.

Instructions for reporting and completing the EXCEL template are included as an attachment to this e-mail. Please e-mail the completed EXCEL file and fax the signed certification to the Department of Education by June 3, 2013.

If you need assistance completing the EXCEL template or have questions, please contact Tina Snellings of the DOE Budget Office, or other Budget Office staff, at (804) 225-2025. In advance, thank you for assisting the Department of Education in this important data collection effort so the most accurate data possible can be used to determine the projected number of four-year-old children at-risk who are not enrolled in a Head Start program.



Data Elements Example

Data Elements	Examples
Composite Index	.3600
Projected Kindergarten Fall Membership	700
Free Lunch Percentage	40.00%
Count of Head Start 4-Year-Olds	60
Full-Day Student Per Pupil Amount	\$6,000



Projected VPI Calculation (Using Data Elements Example)

1)	Projected KG Fall Membership		Free Lunch Pct. (Oct 2012)		Estimate of 4-Year-Olds At-Risk
	700	x	40.00%	=	280
2)	Estimate of 4-Year-Olds At-Risk		Count of Head Start 4-Year-Olds Served		Estimate of Unserved At-Risk 4-Year Olds
	280	-	60	=	220
3)	Estimate of Unserved 4-Year-Olds At-Risk		Full-Time Student Per Pupil		Total Formula Cost
	220	x	\$6,000	=	\$1,320,000
4)	Total Formula Cost		Local Share (Comp. Index)		<u>Local Share</u> of Formula Cost
	\$1,320,000	x	36.00%	=	\$475,200
5)	Total Formula Cost		State Share (1 - Comp. Index)		<u>State Share</u> of Formula Cost
	\$1,320,000	x	64.00%	=	\$844,800



Notes

- VPI Payments to divisions are based on actual 4-year-olds served.
- If the number of students in the Head Start program is greater than the total projected At-Risk students, there is no projected unserved 4-Year-Olds for the given division and no VPI funding allocated.
- Projected Non-Participation Rate of 25.43% applied to total state share of formula cost (same rate since fiscal year 2012). Based on historical pattern of actual slot utilization, actual non-utilization closer to 30%.
- Participation levels in other preschool programs:
 - Head Start, for four year olds, 2012-2013: 7,420
 - Title I preschool programs, 2012-2013: 4,287
 - IDEA funded programs, for four year olds, Dec. 1st Childcount: 5,559



Blended Classrooms

Blended classrooms serve children through state, federal, or local funding streams (see Braided Funding) within the same physical classrooms. The highest level of regulated service or program standard is followed for the joint/combined program. Local collaboration allows for "single point of entry" registration, combined educational resources, coordination of program planning, and cooperative staff development. Children are not labeled by their funding entity, even though fiscal documentation is required to identify the distinct origin of funding for a service or cost.

Braided Funding

Braiding is a funding and resource allocation strategy that taps into existing categorical funding streams and uses them to support unified initiatives in as flexible and integrated a manner as possible. The funding streams remain visible and are used in common to produce greater strength, efficiency, and/or effectiveness. This allows resources to be tracked more closely for the purpose of accounting to state and federal administrators, thus contributing to long term sustainability. Multiple funding streams may support the overall costs of individual classrooms or to support the comprehensive services for a single student. The funding streams should separately pay for distinct services or costs.