

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATION

2012-2013 Final Dropout Report – Mr. Lancaster

BACKGROUND: The final dropout report for the 2012-13 school year was available from the department of education in mid-January, and is summarized below. These calculations are used in our school performance report cards and contribute to Virginia’s dropout report to the federal government. The dropout report is based on students in grades 7-12 who:

- **Withdrew before the end of the 2012-13 school year and did not return, transfer or graduate by 10/1/2013 (W8s)**
- **Finished the 2011-12 school year but did not return, transfer or graduate before 10/1/2012 (Summer Dropout)**
- **Were suspended or were on medical leave on the last day of school in 2011-12 and did not return as expected or transfer or graduate in 2012-13 (W9s)**

Bath County	Grades 7-12 Fall Membership (#)	Grades 7-12 Dropouts (#)	Annual Dropout Rate (%)
2012 -2013	323	2	0.62
2011-2012	344	6	1.74
Variance	-21	-4	-1.12

State	Grades 7-12 Fall Membership (#)	Grades 7-12 Dropouts (#)	Annual Dropout Rate (%)
2012 -2013	571897	7191	1.26
2011-2012	570365	7703	1.35
Variance	1532	-512	-0.09

Bath County reported 2 dropouts in the 2012-13 school year, down from the prior year’s report of 6 dropouts. Changes in our numbers from one year to the next are as much a function of our small student population as any other variable, but over time our dropout rate typically compares well to statewide percentages, and again reflects the individual student care and attention that our small schools are able to provide. Our dropout rate of .62% for last year was half that of the rest of the commonwealth.