

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATION

2013-2014 Final Dropout Report – Mr. Lancaster

BACKGROUND: The final dropout report for the 2013-14 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 2013-14 school year and did not return, transfer or graduate by 10/1/2014 (W8s)**
- **Finished the 2012-13 school year but did not return, transfer or graduate before 10/1/2013 (Summer Dropout)**
- **Were suspended or were on medical leave on the last day of school in 2012-13 and did not return as expected or transfer or graduate in 2013-14 (W9s)**

Bath County	Grades 7-12 Fall Membership (#)	Grades 7-12 Dropouts (#)	Annual Dropout Rate (%)
2013 -2014	303		
2012-2013	323	2	0.62
Variance	-20		
State	Grades 7-12 Fall Membership (#)	Grades 7-12 Dropouts (#)	Annual Dropout Rate (%)
2013 -2014	574848	7001	1.22
2012-2013	571897	7211	1.26
Variance	2951	-210	-0.04

Bath County reported no dropouts in the 2013-14 school year, down from the prior year’s report of 2 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 goal is to achieve and maintain a 0% dropout rate every year, but we typically have a couple of dropouts each year. The dropout rate for the rest of the commonwealth last year was 1.22%.