

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION

Consider AdvancED Membership

BACKGROUND: About 10 years ago, the division joined AdvancED as a school improvement program. Our first external review resulted in full division accreditation. In the last five years we have continued to work for continuous school improvement by meeting both state and AdvancED requirements – in many ways duplicating practices. As state expectations have increased, school improvement processes have become institutionalized. We no longer feel that continued AdvancED membership provides needed benefits for the division to move forward and ensure that our students achieve.

Continued membership will require expenditures of \$5,050 plus expenses of a review team (lodging, mileage, and meals for at least 3 persons) during 2016-2017.

A list of divisions in our comparison group indicate many are not seeking AdvancED accreditation.

- Alleghany – No
- Augusta – No
- Covington – No
- Craig - No
- Highland – No
- Staunton – No
- Waynesboro – No

RECOMMENDATION: Discontinue AdvancED membership.