

House Appropriations Committee

***Consolidation of the  
Two Virginia Schools  
for the Deaf and the Blind***

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# **Background on Consolidation Activities**

**What activities have been completed with the \$2.5 million appropriated for FY07?**

**How will the \$3.5 million appropriated for FY08 be used?**

**What is the projected timeline for completion of the project?**

**What transition plans are being made for students attending VSDBM at Hampton?**



# **Consolidation Activities 2003 General Assembly**

**The Board of Education,  
in response to the  
Appropriation Act,  
convened a task force to  
develop a plan for  
consolidating services.**



# **Consolidation Activities 2003 General Assembly**

**The plan included an examination of**

- **Academic programs**
- **Facility needs**
- **Transportation needs**
- **Arrangements for all students to  
continue receiving services**



# **Consolidation Activities 2003 General Assembly**

**The Board of Education submitted  
a report entitled *Plan for  
Consolidating Services for the  
Deaf and/or Blind and Multi-  
Disabled Students Served by  
Virginia's Two Schools at  
Staunton and Hampton, 2004.***

**<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VOOE/ssop/consolidation.shtm>**

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# **Consolidation Activities 2004 General Assembly**

**Feasibility study  
conducted and submitted  
to the Governor and  
General Assembly.**

**<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/ssop/feasibility.shtml>**



# **Consolidation Activities 2005 General Assembly**

**The General Assembly  
authorized \$61.5 million  
for construction of a new  
school using Public-  
Private Education Act  
(PPEA).**



# **Consolidation Activities 2005 General Assembly**

**Cost estimates for four  
different site options  
exceeded the \$61.5 million  
authorization.**

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/ssop/report-on-new-VSDB.pdf>





# **Consolidation Activities 2006 General Assembly**

**General Assembly  
authorizes PPEA process  
for developing A&E  
drawings for the  
consolidated school.**



# **Consolidation Activities 2006 General Assembly**

**The appropriation act  
also authorized a  
regional day program in  
Hampton Roads.**



**How was the \$2.5 million  
FY07 appropriation spent?**

**Pre-Design  
Due Diligence  
Activities**



# **Pre-design Due Diligence Activities**

**Assessment of key buildings  
on Staunton campus**

**Eight buildings identified as  
“contributing” structures to  
Main Hall, a historic Staunton  
landmark**



# **Pre-design Due Diligence Activities**

## **Remaining Activities**

- **Continue schematic design**
- **Conduct second phase assessments of the buildings**
- **Refine cost estimates of the project schematic**



# **Consolidation Activities 2007 General Assembly**

**The Board of Education  
and Department of  
General Services to  
enter into:**

- 1. Conventional design contract, or***
- 2. Interim agreement under the PPEA***



# **Consolidation Activities 2007 General Assembly**

**FY08 funding of \$3.5 million  
to continue planning the  
Staunton campus and to  
facilitate the future use of  
the Hampton campus.**



# **How will the \$3.5 million FY08 appropriation be spent?**

- 1. Completion of the schematic design**
- 2. Begin work on the preliminary design**





# **Hampton Roads Regional Day Program**

**Superintendent of  
Public Instruction  
convenes Advisory  
Commission in  
August 2006 to  
address transition  
issues.**



# **Hampton Roads Regional Day Program**

**Advisory Task Force  
assists in development of  
transition plan for the  
VSDBM-Hampton -  
includes key constituents  
and staff from school.**



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