October 17, 2011

School Board Meeting

Superintendent's Report

Presenter(s):   Dr. Ronald Carey
                                  Chief of Staff

Date: Monday, October 17, 2011

Department: Administrative and Support Services

Current Issue: Charter School Task Force

The Charter School Task Force has met at the Richmond Technical Center, J. Austin Brown Conference Room on September 23, September 29, and October 6, 2011. The purpose and specific objectives to be accomplished are:

- To review the current charter policy to determine changes;
- To review the procedures to determine adjustments and improvements, and;
- To strengthen the charter school application process, application and timeline.

There are currently five knowledgeable and energetic members participating in weekly discussions and reviewing charter school information from various school divisions including Virginia. Some of the documents being used for reference are:

- Virginia Public Charter School Application Process,
- School Board of the City of Richmond Policy 8.56, Public Charter Schools, and;
- Examples of Washington DC, New York and Minnesota's charter policy accountability measures and timeline calendar.

A sample of the topics of discussion so far have been:

- Requirements for establishing public charter schools
- Application and Review
- Calendar and Timeline
- Developing of a charter contract
- Management and Operations
- Revocation and Renewal
- Facilities; and
- Financial Reporting

The Charter School Task Force will meet during the next two weeks on October 20 and October 27, 2011 to:

- Review the Virginia State School Board charter regulations, and;
- Review the VSBA charter school regulations.

The efforts of the Charter School Task Force will be presented to the Richmond City School Board in November 2011.

Budget Implications: None

Impact Statement:

Administrative Recommendation: To complete the assignment and present the recommendation to the School Board for approval.