COMMENTS TO POLICY REVISION SUGGESTED BY DR. DAWN MARIE BRITTINGHAM
Policy Section 4-4.2

Current Policy

Section 4-4.2. Reporting pupil costs. — A. Upon preparing the estimate of the amount of money deemed to be needed during the next fiscal year for the support of the schools, the superintendent also prepares and distributes, within a reasonable time prescribed by the Board of Education, notification of the estimated average per pupil education in the school division for the coming school year in accordance with the budget estimates provided to the appropriating body. The notification includes actual per pupil state and local education expenditures for the previous school year. The notice may also include federal funds expended for public education in the school division.

B. The notice is made available in a form provided by the Department of Education and shall be published on the school division's website or in hard copy upon request. (Adopted July 13,1995; Revised July 12, 2012; Effective: July 12, 2012; Adopted July 1, 2013)

Suggested Policy Revision

Section 4-4.2. Reporting pupil costs. — Upon preparing the estimate of the amount of money deemed to be needed during the next fiscal year for the support of the public schools of the school division, the superintendent also shall also prepares and distributes, within a reasonable time prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education, notification of the estimated average per pupil cost for public education in the school division for the coming school year in accordance with the budget estimates provided to the appropriating body. The notification shall include~~s~~ actual per pupil state and local education expenditures for the previous school year. The notice may also include federal funds expended for public education in the school division. The notice may also include federal funds expended for public education in the school division.

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Rationale for Revision

The revisions to procurement policies significantly narrow and clarify the superintendent's contracting authority. High-risk, sensitive, or governance-impacting contracts—regardless of dollar amount—are reserved for School Board approval. This ensures that decisions affecting public trust, legal exposure, or governance structure remain within the Board's purview.

Attorney Comments

No comments/concerns