



# West Virginia Board of Education **Legislative Collaboration Update**

**Goal 1 • Lead a Thorough, Efficient, and Effective Education System**

**Objective 1 • Develop policy, funding, and legislative collaboration**

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# Update: Keeping Connected with the Legislature

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) collaborates with the West Virginia Legislature throughout the year. Through these interactions, WVDE staff members respond to legislators' requests by providing suggested language, fiscal notes, state- and county-level education data, research-based materials, code citations, comparative information from other states, and federal requirements.

To ensure that the most current information is provided to legislators in a consistent, time-sensitive manner, the WVDE employs a full-time Director of Governmental Relations, Director Drew McClanahan. Mr. McClanahan works closely with the Legislature, WVBE members, WVDE cabinet and staff, West Virginia governmental agencies, United States Department of Education, Council of Chief State School Officers, and Education Commission of the States, among others. In addition, Mr. McClanahan serves as a valuable resource to county superintendents, WVBE members, and others by providing bill tracking information and updated material on legislative actions.

These charts reflect WVDE collaboration with the Legislature, providing examples of the nature, frequency, and extent of these efforts during 2021.

## I. WVDE Legislative Contacts and Types/Frequency of Interactions January 2021 through December 2021.

Contacts	Scheduled Meetings (In-Person/Virtual)	Webinars/ Streaming Sessions	Formal Presentations	Emails/Other Written Correspondence	Phone Calls	Informal Discussions
Legislators and staff during legislative session, and interims	On-going	As requested	As requested	On-going	On-going	On-going
Senate Education Committee	On-going	As requested	As requested	On-going	On-going	On-going
House Education Committee	On-going	As requested	As requested	On-going	On-going	On-going
Joint Education Committee	On-going	As requested	As requested	On-going	On-going	On-going
LOCEA	On-going	As requested	As requested	On-going	On-going	On-going

## II. Legislative Products/Related Actions January 2021 through December 2021.

Legislative Products	Frequency	By the Number
LOCEA Reports	During session, interims, and as requested	20 reports
Legislative Formal Presentations	During session, interims, and as requested	Regular and Ongoing
Code language consultation/requests	During session, interims, and as requested	Regular and Ongoing
Fiscal Notes	During session, interims, and as requested	13 Senate and 34 House Fiscal Notes Prepared and Reviewed by WVDE staff
Requests for Information	During session, interims, and as requested	Regular and Ongoing
Tracking/Reviewing 2021 Bills Introduced	During legislative session	71 Senate Bills/177 House Bills (Introduced, not passed)
WVDE Green Book of Legislative Code Changes	Compiled and published after each legislative session	2021 Green Book
WVBE Policy Development to include all code requirements and citations	On-going	35 of 79 WVBE policies reviewed, including 8 which were repealed
WVBE Updates	Daily during legislative session and as needed	Quarterly
District Superintendent Updates	During legislative session and as needed throughout the year	Quarterly
WVDE Cabinet Updates	Weekly and as needed	Weekly
HEPC Updates	During session, interims, and as requested	Weekly Joint Updates during session
WC Council for Community and Technical College Education	During session, interims, and as requested	Weekly Joint Updates during session
WV Association of School Administrators	Weekly and as needed	Daily Calls with various county staff and Superintendents
Teacher Organizations: WVEA, AFT, WVPE	Quarterly and as needed	4 Quarterly Meetings
WVSSAC	During session, interims, and as requested	Quarterly and as needed
WV School Principals	During session and interims	Bi-annually
Senator Rucker/Superintendent Burch Standing Meeting	During session and interims	Weekly during session
Quarterly Meetings with Legislators with WVBE Leadership and Board Members	Quarterly throughout the year	Four Meetings were scheduled at Four Points Hotel
WVBE Policy Revisions are sent to Legislators for Review When Placed Upon Public Comment	Monthly	27 Policies