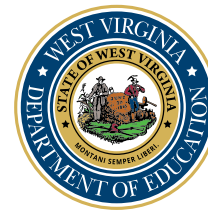


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## **June 2000**

- » Lincoln County Schools is placed under immediate intervention by the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE).

## **December 2012**

- » The WVBE returns control of Lincoln County Schools to Lincoln County Board of Education.

## **March 2020**

- » A report of the Special Circumstance Review conducted at Guyan Valley Middle School by the WVDE is presented to the WVBE.
- » As a result, the WVBE directs the Office of Support and Accountability to conduct a comprehensive review of the efficiency indicators identified in WVBE Policy 2322 in the Lincoln County school system. This review commences with the Finance and Transportation efficiency indicators.

## **November 2020**

- » Following consideration of the Finance and Transportation report, the WVBE moves to declare a State of Emergency exists in Lincoln County Schools, as outlined in WVBE Policy 2322.

## **January 2021**

- » Two designees are appointed by the State Superintendent to coordinate on-site improvement efforts and make recommendations for improvement.

## **April 2021**

- » Special Circumstance Review Reports are presented to the WVBE in the areas of Personnel and Special Education.

## **May - June 2021**

- » In collaboration with the WVDE Office of School Improvement, a comprehensive review of instructional practices is conducted throughout Lincoln County. It is presented to the WVBE at the June 2021 meeting.

## **June 2021**

- » The WVBE moves to extend the State of Emergency an additional six months.

## **August - September 2021**

- » The Office of Accountability conducts a review of local board of education effectiveness and presents a report to WVBE at the September 2021 meeting.

## **September - October 2021**

- » In collaboration with the WVDE Office of School Operations and Finance, a review of school facilities operated by Lincoln County Schools is conducted.
- » A report of findings and non-compliances is presented to the WVBE at the October meeting.

## **October 2021**

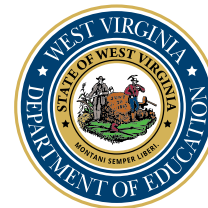
- » A team consisting of staff from the WVDE Office of Career and Technical Education assisted with compiling data for a Special Circumstance Review of the CTE Program at Lincoln County High School.
- » A report of findings and non-compliances is presented at the December 2021 meeting.

## **December 2021**

- » The WVBE moves to extend the State of Emergency an additional six months.
- » The West Virginia School Building Authority (WVBSA) grants Lincoln County Schools \$24,746,460 to support the construction of a new Duval Area PreK-8 school.

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## **December 2021-June 2022**

- » The WVDE continues technical support through the Office of Accountability, Office of School Improvement, and collaboration with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

## **May 2022**

- » Four new members are elected to the Lincoln County Board of Education for a term beginning July 1, 2022.

## **Progress Highlights**

- » A curriculum team has been established and is meeting regularly to discuss student achievement. Two instructional coach positions, one for mathematics and one for English language arts, have been established to address instructional improvement. Additionally, coaches from Carnegie, Apple, and SREB are providing support for effective instruction.
- » The Special Education department, under the leadership of a new director, has established clear protocols for writing standards-based Individualized Education Programs and has made significant progress to address all findings and points of noncompliance in the WVDE report. Each school's master schedule, bell schedule, and documentation of services has been reviewed to ensure all students with disabilities receive special education and related services as determined necessary in the student's IEP.
- » The WVDE Office of Accountability personnel have met regularly with WVDE appointee and superintendent to discuss progress and available supports.
- » A Director of Personnel has been employed to ensure all applicable codes and policies are implemented. This has allowed the assistant superintendent greater capacity to support improvement efforts throughout the district. Further, a Local Staff Development Council has been established, in accordance with W. Va. Code, to inform district professional learning.
- » The superintendent has communicated multi-year student achievement targets for the district and individual schools. A strategic review of programs and instructional practices has been conducted to provide a districtwide focus. Consistency of comments from school-based personnel indicate the superintendent's high expectations for performance are evident.
- » Many short-term facilities needs have been addressed, including items such as ceiling tile and light fixture replacement and clearing paths of egress. A new HVAC system has been purchased for one school, with plans to purchase two more when ESSERF funds are distributed.
- » Further projects are planned for the long term, including: the construction of a new Duval PreK-8 school building; HVAC replacement; and addressing noncompliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- » Financial practices and procedures have been streamlined to increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary expenditures.

## **Next Steps**

- » Research indicates school improvement efforts may require consistent implementation for a three to five-year period before progress is pervasively evident. Some school improvement recommendations will be ongoing as part of a long-term, systemic improvement process.