

# Lincoln County Schools State of Emergency Timeline and Progress Report



## *January 2023*

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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 Special Circumstance Review is conducted at Guyan Valley Middle School by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and is presented to the WVBE.
- » As a result, the WVBE directs the WVDE 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 declares 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 and is presented to the WVBE at the June 2021 meeting.

### **June 2021**

- » The WVBE extends the State of Emergency an additional six months.

### **August - September 2021**

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

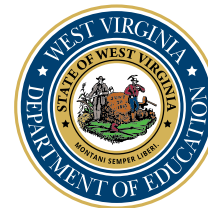
### **December 2021**

- » The WVBE extends the State of Emergency an additional six months.
- » The West Virginia School Building Authority (WVSBA) 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 WVDE Office of Support and Accountability, WVDE Office of School Improvement, and in 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.

## **July 2022**

- » The WVBE extends the State of Emergency an additional six months.

## **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 (IEP) 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 have been reviewed to ensure all students with disabilities receive special education and related services as determined necessary in the student's IEP.
- » The Superintendent has communicated multi-year student achievement targets for the county and individual schools. A strategic review of programs and instructional practices has been conducted to provide a countywide 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 ESSER funds are distributed.
- » Further projects are planned for the long-term, including the construction of a new Duval PK-8 school building, HVAC replacement, and addressing compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act throughout the county's facilities.
- » Financial practices and procedures have been streamlined to increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary expenditures.
- » The Lincoln County Board of Education has participated in multiple trainings surrounding roles and responsibilities of local board of education members.

## **Recommendations**

- » Lift the State of Emergency in Lincoln County and grant Lincoln County Schools continued full approval status per W.Va. Code §18-2E-5.
- » For the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, the WVDE Office of Support and Accountability communicate regularly with Lincoln County Schools leadership and provide support as needed. The Office of Support and Accountability will provide updates to the WVBE if deemed necessary.