

Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE)

“STATE OF THE STATE” MESSAGE

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A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- a. Recognition of staff
- b. New staff members

B. UPDATES

- a. Regulations: Federal and State
- b. “2%” flexibility
- c. VGLA
- d. Scholarship bill
- e. VSDB consolidation
- f. State Performance Plan

C. ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- a. SOL data from 2002-03
- b. SOL data from 2004-05

D. WHAT ARE WE DOING: PROGRAMMATIC AND T.A. INITIATIVES

- a. Early Intervening
 - i. Response to Intervention
 - ii. 15% set-aside
 - iii. Instructional Support Teams
- b. Academic Review/School Support
- c. SIM/CLC/State Improvement Grant
- d. Assistive Technology
- e. Initiatives with VAESP and VASSP
- f. Caseload/Staffing task force

E. WHAT ARE WE DOING: LICENSURE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/HIGHLY QUALIFIED INITIATIVES

- a. Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure/State SEAC
- b. Praxis II
- c. Special Education add-on endorsement
- d. Institute for teachers of students participating in the VAAP (Highly Qualified)
- e. Possible leadership initiative with V-CASE

F. WHAT ARE WE DOING: MONITORING INITIATIVES

- a. Monitoring Priorities
- b. State progress on moving toward a focused monitoring

G. WHAT ARE WE DOING: DISPUTE RESOLUTION INITIATIVES

- a. Evaluation of hearing officers
- b. Training initiatives for hearing officers and mediators

H. CLOSING REMARKS