

VASS 2009 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. VASS supports full funding for K12 public education in order for school divisions to fulfill the prescribed requirements for quality education for all students in the Commonwealth.
2. VASS supports suspending the timelines for the implementation of the new Standards of Accreditation requirements proposed by the Board of Education until such time as the General Assembly provides adequate funding to support the Standards of Quality requirements.
3. VASS supports maintaining the current Standards of Quality funding formula which requires the state to pay 55% of the prevailing cost of education and the localities to pay 45% of the prevailing cost of education.
4. VASS supports restoring the \$27 million in the school construction grant program and the \$55 million in the lottery construction fund which were removed in the Governor's proposed budget.
5. VASS supports the withdrawal of appropriate funds from the Revenue Stabilization Funds (Rainy Day Funds) for 2009 to support the funding of the Standards of Quality.
6. VASS supports suspending the requirements of NCLB until the federal government provides adequate funding to meet the requirements in the law.
7. VASS opposes all unfunded mandates in NCLB including, but not limited to the ACCESS testing requirement for Limited English Proficient students.