

Proposed updates to Education Directive 98-1

- Updates outdated language that describes the organizational structure of the Chesapeake Bay Program in 1998 to reflect the new organizational structure, including:
 - Education Workgroup housed under new Stewardship Goal Implementation Team
 - Management Board meetings every two years focused on reporting progress towards EL goals
 - Biennial workplans
- Requests participation from Superintendents of education and Secretaries of natural resource agencies at the biennial Education Summits (Note: Summits were included in 1998 directive).
- Streamlines language by removing specific goals for the biennial Summit and replacing them with reference to the 2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement.
- Includes language requesting that states assist in the collection of voluntary metrics as called for in the Planning Outcome under the Environmental Literacy Goal of the Watershed Agreement.
- References the importance of school districts in this work and includes language that has departments of education encouraging and supporting local environmental literacy policies and programs

Specifically, the new directive calls for the following actions:

The Executive Council will:

- Encourage the State Departments of Education become/remain active partners in the Bay Program
- Maintain the Education Workgroup
- Convene a biennial Environmental Literacy Leadership Summit to bring together the Superintendents of Education, state natural resource agencies, and others
- Report outcomes of the Education Summit to the Executive Council

State Departments of Education will:

- Participate in Education Workgroup
- Provide actions for biennial workplans
- Support state interagency EL group led or co-led by state department of education
- Encourage each Department of Education to:
 - Encourage and support school districts to conduct EL
 - Collect data and information from local school districts
 - Provide input for and send representatives to biennial Management Board meetings focused on EL progress; Alert PSC if issues arise
- Invite and encourage higher education to get involved

Status of Support:

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| • Federal govt (NOAA/EPA): | Supports |
| • Chesapeake Bay Commission: | Supports |
| • Maryland: | Supports |
| • District: | Supports |
| • Delaware: | Supports |
| • Pennsylvania: | Supports |
| • Virginia: | Indicated tentative support at Summit, but have not confirmed |
| • West Virginia: | Reached out to WV DOE, but have not confirmed |