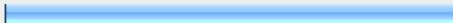




Open Education Subcommittee Local School Board Survey Results

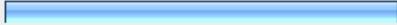
With assistance from the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA), staff delivered a survey to all local school boards in the Commonwealth to provide the Open Education Subcommittee direct feedback from localities concerning several issues raised during open discussions. A total of 49 local school boards, out of 134 boards represented by the VSBA, responded to the survey. The results of the survey are listed below.

2. Would your local school board be willing to utilize the Commonwealth's online procurement system (eVA) to purchase textbooks and instructional materials not on the state-approved list?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		81.6%	40
No		18.4%	9
<i>answered question</i>			49
<i>skipped question</i>			0

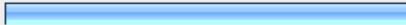
3. Would teachers in your school district be interested in developing textbook content and/or instructional materials to share with other teachers in Virginia?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		49.0%	24
No		2.0%	1
Do not know		49.0%	24
<i>answered question</i>			49
<i>skipped question</i>			0

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4. Would your local school board consider reviewing for adoption less expensive 'open source' textbooks (developed and written through a decentralized and open collaboration process)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	71.4%	35
No 	28.6%	14
<i>answered question</i>		49
<i>skipped question</i>		0

5. Does your local school board perform its own textbook adoption process?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	73.5%	36
No 	26.5%	13
<i>answered question</i>		49
<i>skipped question</i>		0

6. If your response to the above question is YES, what percentage of textbooks adopted each year are vetted through the local adoption process?

	Response Count
	36
<i>answered question</i>	
<i>skipped question</i>	
	13

The responses to question #6 were fairly homogenous, with a majority (27 of 36) of local school boards that initiate their own adoption process responded that 100% of textbooks adopted by the board were vetted through a local adoption process, regardless of whether the book was adopted through the state process. The remainder of the responses varied between less than 5% to 90%.

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7. What time of year do you typically enter contracts with publishers for the purchase of textbooks?	
	Response Count
	45
<i>answered question</i>	45
<i>skipped question</i>	4

The responses to question #7 were homogenous as well, with all local school boards responding that they enter contracts with publishers during the spring (February-June) for the purchase of textbooks.