

1 by state board; time tables; public hearing.

2 (a) The state board may not pursuant to section five, article
3 two-e of this chapter, intervene in the operation of a county
4 school system or directly in the operation of a school for a period
5 of more than five consecutive years. At the end of the five-year
6 period, the state board shall relinquish control of the school
7 system or school to the county board.

8 (b) During an intervention in the operation of a county school
9 system or school, the state school board shall require the county
10 board to be actively involved in the intervention and improvement
11 process to assure sustained success of any deficient school system
12 or school and to build governance capacity. At a minimum, the
13 county board shall be required to work in tandem with the county
14 superintendent to gather, analyze and interpret data, write time-
15 specific goals to correct deficiencies, prepare and implement
16 action plans and allocate or request from the state board of
17 education the resources, including board development training and
18 coaching, necessary to achieve and sustain approved goals subject
19 to the following:

20 (1) The goals and action plans shall be approved by the state
21 board;

22 (2) The state superintendent shall maintain oversight and
23 provide assistance and feedback to the county board;

24 (3) The county board shall attend governance education and
25 development activities identified and coordinated by the West

1 Virginia School Board Association based on the state board approved
2 effectiveness standards;

3 (4) The West Virginia School Board Association shall complete
4 a board training needs analysis and seek approval for the board
5 development activities through the Training Standards Review
6 Committee of the state board;

7 (5) Support for governance education and development
8 activities for the county board and school improvement, leadership
9 and student performance activities for schools shall be made
10 available through the state superintendent, regional education
11 service agencies, Center for Professional Development, West
12 Virginia School Board Association, Office of Education Performance
13 Audits and West Virginia Education Information System; and

14 (6) Readiness of the county board of education to accept and
15 sustain the return of control of the system or school from the
16 state board shall be recommended to the state board by the state
17 superintendent in consultation with and upon the recommendation of
18 the West Virginia School Board Association and the Office of
19 Education Performance Audits supported by documented evidence that
20 the county has met the goals and objectives for compliance.

21 (c) Once control of the school system or school has been
22 returned to the county board, the state board may not intervene
23 again for a minimum of three years unless the state board holds a
24 public hearing in the affected county in compliance with the open
25 governmental procedures act in article nine-a, chapter six of this

1 code so that the concerns of the citizens of that county may be
2 heard. The full membership of the county board shall be requested
3 to attend the public hearing. Support for governance education and
4 development shall continue during this three-year period as needed
5 for any new members elected to the county board.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.