



# VSCA 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

## Virginia State Board of Education Listening Tour

This session with the BOE is an opportunity for delegates to express opinions and beliefs on the following topics. The Board members will be in attendance to listen to student concerns, examples, and suggestions. Board members will not be expected to answer questions or provide input, unless they wish to.

Student delegates who sign up to speak should consider the following topics from the perspective of “What advice and proposals can I offer to the Board on this issue?” Share your perspective on the following questions:

### **Environmental Concerns**

- What areas in your school community do you observe can be improved in terms of environmental friendliness and sustainability? How do you feel eco-friendliness impacts your school community?

### **Student Mental Health**

- What efforts can be made to further improve student mental health support? What aspects of school most greatly impact student mental health, either positively or negatively?

### **Announced vs Unannounced School Safety Drills**

- Do you feel that announced or unannounced school safety/shooting drills serve a better purpose? How can these drills be better implemented?

### **Teacher/Sub Shortage**

- How has the shortage of substitutes impacted your day to day life as a student? What solutions do you think would help this situation?

### **Opportunities for Teachers to be Provided with Professional Development**

- Do you feel that your teachers are lacking in certain areas, impacting your ability to learn? In what ways do you feel your teachers could improve through professional development?

### **School Lunch Quality and Dietary Restriction Options**

- Do school lunches provide a wide enough scope to support all students’ dietary restrictions and needs, while still remaining high quality? What aspects of school lunches could be improved?

### **Equity About Digital Technology Issues**

- What concerns do you see about equality in usage of technology across the state? How do you feel that access to technology can be more unified?

### **Preferred Name Policies, Parent Sign-off**

- Do you feel that students are able to express their individual identities while in school? Does the policy that requires parents to sign off on pronoun or name changes limit a student's personal expression?



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## **Rules of Procedure with the Virginia State Board of Education**

1. Discussion on any particular topic is limited to five minutes. Once all topics have been discussed, the Chair will allocate any remaining time to topics needing further discussion.
2. Anyone who wishes to speak must sign up prior to the session by using the form on the VSCA website or in-person at Convention.
3. Only one student may speak per school on any topic. The speaker must be recognized by the Chair, state their name and school, and stand if they are able to speak from a microphone.
4. Delegate's speaking time is limited to one minute and there is no yielding of time.