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Virginia Schools Focus on Literacy Problem

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Good reading skills are the foundation for students in any subject. You cannot learn mathemati

Moreover, illiterate or nearly illiterate adults and families put a drain on the commonwealth's

Currently in the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are more than one million adults who do not h

In 2005, approximately 26 percent of third graders in the Virginia schools were unable to show

Virginia schools' president Mark Emblidge announced in June 2006 the formation of a new commit

Their focus is to develop strategies that will raise literacy of children, adolescents and adu

- Increase the number of Virginia schools students reading on grade level by the end of
- Sustain this literacy, as well as instill a love of reading, as students transition fr
- Help the Limited English Proficient (LEP) students to obtain a good education by impro
- Strengthen the literacy programs and policies of the Virginia schools to assist the ad

The first tasks of the committee is to review the proposed revisions to the commonwealth's Sta

- Monitor the effectiveness of the Virginia schools' efforts toward all student literacy
- Monitor the adult education programs;
- Review all data associated with literacy in the Virginia schools; and
- Advise on issues and recommend policies to the full board of the Virginia schools.

With the new committee on literacy in place for the upcoming school year, the Virginia schools

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