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Attachments: SCPS Accessibility Report - State Submission.pdf

[REDACTED]

Attached is the finalized Accessibility Study for submission to VDOE per HB2278.

Thank you,
Matt

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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 1:43 PM Matthew Townsend <townsendml@staffordschools.net> wrote:

[REDACTED]

The answer to the question is yes.

Thanks,
Matt

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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 12:12 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks, Matt. I'm not sure what the reporting mechanism will be.

Can Moseley answer this question: Did they consult the "methodology of the U.S. Government Accountability Office as set forth in its June 2020 report GAO20-448, K-12 Education: School Districts Need Better Information to Help Improve Access for People with Disabilities?" The new law requires consultation of the methodology but not utilization of it.

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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 10:47 AM Matthew Townsend <townsendml@staffordschools.net> wrote:

Methodology used:

This study was to assess the accessibility conditions for all 39 SCPS facilities. The assessment team consists of architects and construction administrators from Moseley who are experienced with accessibility requirements. Moseley used the "ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities", based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, as the basis for the assessments. This document was created by the Institute for Human Centered Design and ADA National Network and references the most recent ADA guidelines. The team assessed approach and entrance, access to goods and services, toilet rooms, and additional access. This process was comprised of three primary tasks:

1. Perform a visual comprehensive accessibility assessment of each facility to determine deficiencies.
2. List observed deficiencies and develop high-level recommendations for corrective work.
3. Develop rough cost estimates for deficiencies, or groups of deficiencies, to be included in a future capital improvement program(CIP).

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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 10:33 AM Matthew Townsend <townsendml@staffordschools.net> wrote:

We have the initial draft of the Accessibility Report completed. I am working on what information I need to provide for it. We are well on track for Nov 1 submission date.

I will follow up with them re: [REDACTED] comment about methodology.

[REDACTED] this doesn't need to be approved by the SB or have any action required by the SB right? It can just be submitted to VDOE like any other legislative data request and can be shared with the SB via Friday update or similar channel?

Thanks,
Matt

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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 10:28 AM Jason Towery <toweryjd@staffordschools.net> wrote:

Matt - can you follow up with Moseley?

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On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 8:35 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Jason,

When is the facilities study as required by [HB 2278](#) supposed to be complete? Looking at subsection 2 of the law, can you tell me also what methodology the consultant is using? I have to get back to Daniel.

Thanks!

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From: **Daniel Smith** <smithdw@staffordschools.net>

Date: Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 7:32 AM

Subject: HB2278

To: [REDACTED]

FYI

Clarity on HB2278

There have been some questions regarding [HB 2278 - School boards or division superintendents; review accessibility challenges in the local school division; report](#).

When this bill passed, the patron commented that this bill was needed to assure that school divisions were complying with federal requirements. There is an enactment clause as listed below that referred school divisions to [K-12 Education: School Districts Need Better Information to Help Improve Access for People with Disabilities](#) for more information.

"That, in conducting the review required pursuant to the first enactment of this act, each school board or division superintendent shall consult and may utilize the methodology of the U.S. Government Accountability Office as set forth in its June 2020 report GAO20-448, K-12 Education: School Districts Need Better Information to Help Improve Access for People with Disabilities"

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