

State Superintendent of Schools



Jorea M. Marple

Jorea M. Marple took over as West Virginia's 27th state superintendent of schools on March 1, 2011.

As superintendent, Marple oversees West Virginia's public school system, which includes 55 individual school districts, serving about 282,000 students in preschool through 12th grade.

Duties

The superintendent of schools is the chief executive officer of the Board of Education, charged with supervision of all public school districts and local boards of education in the state. Additional duties of the office include:

- *enforcing laws pertaining to education, including the removal of school officials
- *conducting conference of all county, district, and city superintendents
- *interpreting the meaning of any part of the school law or of the rules of the state board of education
- *publishing manuals of the courses of study prescribed by the board of education
- *providing an annual report to the state legislature
- *closing school buildings and district facilities that fail to comply with an order of the state fire marshal
- *classifying all schools on the basis of standards established by the board of education

One of the newest duties of the superintendent is to establish a special community development school pilot program. The program is focused on one school for five years, and targets disadvantaged, minority and underachieving students. The idea is for school leaders to engage community organizations and other educational institutions to develop strategies to improve academic achievement that can be replicated in other schools with similar student populations. The superintendent provides yearly reports to the [Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability](#), (LOCEA) beginning in January 2011, on the status of the program.

[Audio coverage](#) of comments made by Senator Plymale (D-Wayne) on the senate floor explaining the two amendments to H.B. 3225, passing on March 12, 2011, reveal foreknowledge to create the new bully reporting requirements which just so happens to coincide 11 days after Marple's appointment as Superintendent of Schools on March 1, 2011.

The newly passed reporting requirements on "enumerated categories" to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" (cross dressing), authorizes Marples to provide annual reports to the [Legislative Oversight Committee on Education Accountability](#) (LOCEA) on any alleged violations. This joint committee just so happens to be chaired by Senator Plymale and Delegate Poling.

[According to Fairness of West Virginia](#), the brainchild for strategy and change in policy was none other than in-house homosexual activists at the Department of Education beginning in the spring of 2011.