

AGENDA

Wilmington Education Improvement Commission Funding Student Success Committee

September 15, 2015

- I. Introduction of Committee Members
- II. Overview of the Structure of the Wilmington Education Improvement Commission
 - i. Purpose and membership of the WEIC
 - ii. Purpose and membership of the 5 WEIC Committees
 - iii. Project Timeline
- III. Recap of the Funding Student Success Action Agenda in the Final Report of the Wilmington Education Advisory Committee
 - i. Modifications to the State Unit Count Allocation Formula
 - ii. Strengthening the Public Education Revenue Base
 - iii. Supporting the Cost of District Reorganization
 - iv. City of Wilmington Office of Education and Public Policy
 - v. Investments Needed for Early Childhood Learning/College Access
 - vi. Comprehensive Education/Funding Plan for Low-Income Students, Families and Schools
- IV. Guiding Principles of the Funding Student Success Committee
 - i. Provide cost estimates and financial recommendations of the WEAC Final Report based on members' representative areas of expertise
 - ii. Offer sustainable financial solutions to support on-going efforts in impacted districts.
 - iii. Ensure recommendations are equitable and do not disproportionately affect any impacted district's funding or tax base.
 - iv. Recognize that the WEAC recommendation are not simply moving students from one district to another, but involve a complex plan and multiple coordinated resources to improve services and opportunities available for Wilmington and Delaware students.
- V. Funding Student Success Committee Work Plan
 - i. Enhancements to the Existing Education Finance Structure
 1. State public education revenue base
 2. Establishment of a Low-Income Unit
 3. Creating a K-3 Basic Special Education Unit

4. Current Expense Tax Rate Implications
5. Referendum and Property Reassessment
6. State Equalization Funding
- ii. Defining the Impact of District Reorganization
 1. State
 - a. Reallocation of Units and Revenue Impact for Division I, II, II, Academic Excellence, Exceptional Student Unit, and Related Services
 - b. Reallocation of Ancillary Units and Revenue Impact
 - c. Reallocation of Non-Unit Funding (Professional Development, Unique Alternatives, Educational Sustainment Fund, Student Discipline, Technology Block Grant, State Testing Computers, World Language Expansion)
 - d. Transportation Funding Impact (may not be able to do exactly without known feeder patterns)
 2. Federal
 - a. Reallocation of federal funding across grants received by Christina, Colonial and Red Clay
 3. Local
 - a. Shifting Assessment Base/Impact on 4 Tax Rate Components
 - b. Choice, Charter and Tuition billings (might include in (a))
 - c. New Castle County Tax District Impact
- iii. Capital Funding and Asset Management
 1. State Minor Capital Improvement and Local Match Funding
 2. Funding Deferred Maintenance Transfer of School Facilities, Capacity of Each Building and Associated Deferred Maintenance for each building
- iv. Project Planning and Transition Funding

VI. Next Meeting Agenda Topics/Date/Location

- September 22 – Enhancements to the current funding structure
October 6 – Defining the Impact of Redistricting – State and Federal
October 20 – Defining the Impact of Redistricting – Local
November 3 – Transition Costs and Public Policy Integration
November 17 – Review and Develop Final Recommendation

VII. Public Comment