



# Redding Consortium for Educational Equity: Statement of Support

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At the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity meeting on February 18, 2021, Consortium members voted to support [Senate Bill 56](#), [House Bill 86](#), and [House Bill 100](#). These bills all work to fundamentally shift Delaware's education system towards equity, by codifying Opportunity Funding permanently, delivering funding for basic special education services to K-3 students, and significantly improving the provision of behavioral health staffing in our public schools. We are excited to support the passage of these bills.

## Moving Forward

**In their near-unanimous support for these policies**, Redding Consortium members made clear an eagerness to see fundamental, structural change that will remedy the current inequities of our funding system, and support for the bills was couched in concern that while these enhancements deliver more much-needed resources to vulnerable students, such systemic issues remain unaddressed. The Redding Consortium is committed to working to change this.

Further, members signaled a hope to see passage and implementation of the bills that reflect the need to ensure new resources flow equitably, schools with the highest concentration of needs and poorest outcomes are prioritized, and that early childhood education—such as district-based pre-kindergarten programs, is similarly accommodated in these efforts. The Consortium deeply appreciates the vision and work of the bills' sponsors and believes they agree that equity must be centered in all reforms.

## Redding Consortium Interim Recommendations

**In addition to our support for SB56, HB86 and HB100**, Redding Consortium remains excited and determined to see the interim recommendations get support and funding from the General Assembly.

- Review the [interim recommendations](#)
- [Watch the press conference](#) and hear powerful community and legislative support for the recommendations
- [Read the press release](#) on the interim recommendations
- Share your support for the Redding recommendations by recording a testimonial video, contact Jason Bourke ([jbourke@desu.edu](mailto:jbourke@desu.edu)) and fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/54hwNY6NLaeadTEV6>

## Questions?

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