

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity

FULL BODY CONSORTIUM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Welcome & Roll Call



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Approval of Minutes

Redding Consortium Funded Recommendations - \$10M

- Delaware High Quality Pre-K Initiative – Active RFP
- Delaware Wraparound Services Initiative – Active RFP
- Delaware Professional Development Initiative – Active RFP
- Enhanced Data Collection
- Early Childhood Home Visitation Services
- Staff Support for Developmental Screening
- Grow Our Own Teacher Academy Program

Work Group Updates

Educators Work Group

CO-CHAIRS

NOELLE PICARA, EDUCATOR, KUUMBA ACADEMY

MICHAEL SMITH, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Updates & Path Forward

Active RFP: Delaware Professional Development Initiative Grant

- Deadline for Receipt of Proposals: October 1, 2021

Delaware Professional Development Initiative in Code:

Section 382. Upon funding availability, the Department of Education is authorized to use \$720,000 in funds allocated for the Redding Consortium recommendations and one-time funds allocated for Redding Consortium recommendations in this Act for Whole School Professional Development at five public schools, as recommended by the Redding Consortium on Educational 20 Equity. This program shall be known as the Delaware Professional Development Initiative.

Path Forward Cont.

Section 383. The Department of Education is authorized to administer a competitive Request for Application (RFA) process, accepting applications from public school districts and public charter schools. Sub-grants shall be made to individual schools listed by the Department of Education on its public web site as having at least 55% of students classified as low-income with respect to elementary schools, and 40% of students classified as low income for schools that educate students up to grade 8. Grants may only be awarded to schools whose programs offer the following components:

- (a) specific explanations of how the enhanced professional development is tailored to the needs of the children attending the applicant school;
- (b) professional development in evidence-based reading instruction, including components focused on oral language, explicit phonemic awareness, systemic phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension.

Questions?

Social Determinants Work Group

CO-CHAIRS

RAYE JONES AVERY, WILMINGTON CENTER FOR EDUCATION EQUITY AND PUBLIC
POLICY

JEFFREY MENZER, SUPERINTENDENT, COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Updates & Path Forward

The five streams the group will focus on are:

- Monitoring the current recommendations and RFPs
- Engagement
- Collaboration
- Sharing
- Secondary education

Other priorities:

- Review membership
- Review the recommendations that were not funded

Questions?

Settlement Work Group

CO-CHAIRS

AARON BASS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EASTSIDE CHARTER SCHOOL

CHUCK LONGFELLOW, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Updates & Path Forward

Legislative Updates:

- Recommended Bills were signed into law:
 - SB 56 (Opportunity Fund)
 - HB 86 (K-3 Basic Special Education Unit)
 - HB 100 (Mental Health Services Unit)
 - House passes HCR 24 (Modernizing Delaware's Education Funding System)

Priorities for the Group this year:

- Monitoring the implementation of funded Settlement items
 - Increases in Opportunity Funding
 - Teacher Recruitment & Retention programs
 - Ombudsperson Program – RFP stage
- Provide input for the Independent Funding Assessment RFP
- Explore potential solutions to systemic funding issues in the state

Questions?

Funding and Governance Work Group

CHAIR

NNAMDI CHUKWUOCHA, DELAWARE STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Updates & Path Forward

- Transition from funding focus to governance focus
- Forming new Work Group
- Wilmington focused

Questions?

Public Comment

3-MINUTES PER COMMENT, THANK YOU.

Thank you!

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