



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

**UPSFF Working Group
Meeting
June 29, 2016, 12:00-2:00pm**

Minutes

Attendees: Shana Young, Andy Eisenlohr, Mary Levy, Justin Ellis, KIPP DC PCS, Lindsay ____, FOCUS, Kevin Lang, DC Office of the Chief Financial Officer – Office of Revenue Analysis, Mary Levy, UPSFF advocate, Mikayla Lytton, DC Public Charter School Board, Sarah Richardson, Two Rivers PCS, Kim Reuben, Urban Institute, Tony Taylor, AppleTree Institute Dan Theisen, Ed-Ops

Introductions

- Introductions were made, as well as acknowledging that due to Summer scheduling, many members were not in attendance.
- Request that full member list be circulated

UPSFF Working Group overview

Scope and timeline of UPSFF Working Group

- Review of the creation and mandate of the group
- Review of timeline of deliverables and meetings, and preliminary proposed considerations for the group

History and background of the UPSFF (including Adequacy Study)

- Review of history of UPSFF working group
- Discussion of history and current composition of group, including whether outside groups been included or could contribute to provide context for current DC funding levels compared to other regions
- Discussion of use of “Evidence-based” practices for funding decisions; the concept of trade-offs for funding and spending priorities
- Acknowledgement that significant funding goes into city schools to support non-academic yet important things like social service, health outcomes, nutrition, etc.
- Discussion of at-risk funding supplement including large financial impact
- Discussion of at-risk and outcome of the funding supplement: ability to “target” if such a significant portion of the population is at risk; the state of reporting on funds, including difficulty breaking down funds due to high level of at-risk students in schools, rather than lack of transparency; also questions of grade-level breakdown and comparability to other states

- Discussion of the concern of equitable facilities funding
- Discussion of the concern of equitable funding/payment structures for DCPS/Charter LEAs
- Discussion of UPSFF funding breakdown

- UPSFF Working Group Scope for Consideration
 - Items the group determined it would like to include in further discussions:
 - Facilities funding
 - Impact of changing LEA payment methodologies
 - Analysis of current supplemental funding rates including At-risk (by eligibility type), SPED, and consideration of impact and unintended policy consequences; analysis of impact of “non-instructional” costs and spending in schools (e.g. health, nutrition, social svc)
 - UPSFF rates/allocation by grade

- Next meetings
 - Discussion of upcoming meetings, which were determined after the meeting to be held at the OSSE offices in Room 9014, 3:00-5:00pm:
 - Wednesday, August 3
 - Wednesday, September 7
 - Wednesday, October 5
 - Wednesday, November 2
 - Wednesday, December 7