

Funding and Governance Work Group

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity
October 8, 2020

Meeting Norms and Orientation to Zoom

- Please mute yourself when not talking
- You can use the chat function to ask questions
- Please note this meeting is being recorded and may be posted for the public

Welcome & Roll Call

***Work Group members please type
your name in the chat to record that
you are present**

Breakout Group Recap Document

September 24--Breakout Group Recap

Supports

- Referendum campaigns take significant effort (involves entire school community including district office, principals, and teachers)
- All tax increases should be on an equal playing field (school district referendums are the only case in Delaware where residents can directly approve a tax increase)
- House Bill 129 seems like a logical place to start and build from

Concerns

- Concerns about taking people's voice away; a school referendum is one of the few opportunities where citizens have a say on their own taxes, fees, etc.
- School referenda are often used to release general frustration about taxation
- School boards fear that referendum reform could be used to justify state funding cuts

Meeting Objectives

- Decide path forward for House Bill 129
- Begin to create an Engagement Strategy
 - Examples of engagement strategies

State Representative Earl Jaques,
Rep. District 27

Insights on House Bill 129

Work Group Discussion
Proposed Next Steps

House Bill 129

Guided Questions:

1. Do you think this Work Group should use the language in HB 129 as it is? And reintroduce that bill with a new number?
2. Do you think this Work Group should modify HB 129? If so, what changes should be made?

Engagement Strategy

- Engagement about referendum reform will need to be **two-way**
- We want to hear from the community and have their opinions inform our work
- We also want to effectively communicate about our approach in a clear, concise and transparent way so everyone understands why referendum reform is important, what our goals are, and the impact this change will have on individuals and the community

Engagement Strategy--Examples of Engagement

- Town Halls
- One-pager on referendum reform
- Social Media (Redding Consortium Facebook)
- Work Group members engaging stakeholder groups
- Questionnaire

Guided Questions:

1. What stakeholder groups should be involved? Who isn't currently represented?
2. What strategy or strategies do you think would be most effective?
3. What information should be included/questions answered?
4. What are some methods to best circulate communications to stakeholders?
5. Are there other methods we should use?
6. Are you willing to talk with the stakeholder group you represent about referendum reform?
7. What are the action steps to carry out the engagement plan? (Who, what, when how?)

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next Redding Consortium Full Body meeting:

- October 22, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Funding & Governance Work Group meetings:

- November 5, 2020 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- *Town Hall in November?
- November 19, 2020 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- December 3, 2020 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

*The Funding & Governance Work Group will **not** meet on 10/22

Public Comment