



Facility Schools Model Work Group Meeting Notes

March 1, 2024, 9:00 - 10:30 PM Virtual - Zoom Meeting

Work Group Members Present: Sarah Baumgartner, Laurie Burney, Danny Combs, Michele Craig, Wendy Dunaway, Mylynda Herrick, Sonjia Hunt, Robin Singer, Judy Stirman, Ann Symalla, Lindsey Tapp, Barb Taylor, Kevin Tracy, Callan Ware, Laura Writebol

Work Group Members Absent: Kari Chapman, Sandy Malouff, David Molineux, Erin Osterhaus, Betsy Pepper, Steven Ramirez, Deon Roberts, Cate White

Guest Observers: Lori Kochevar, Sara Pielsticker (Disability Law Colorado), Annie Haskins

Facilitator & Support: Virginia (G) Winter, Equinox Consultancy LLC, Darren Serrato

Analysis Team: Nick Stellitano – Dillinger Research & Applied Data

Public Comment: no public comment

1. SB23-219 implementation updates

- Work Group members reviewed their work plan and received updates on a dashboard of progress specific to the elements in SB 23-219
- The data being collected now can be used to help plan for and inform the third party evaluation

2. Overview of annual report data

- Work Group members reviewed enrollment data and discussed differences between Dec. 1 count and overall monthly count
- Report shared regarding U.S. K-12 attendance data -
 - Attendance data report -
<https://www.npr.org/2024/02/09/1228441120/covid-schools-students-learning>

3. Review of baseline funding model

- Work Group members reviewed intent and high level information regarding the baseline funding model
- The work group supports the '24-25 projections to include the inflationary factor and adjustment to include the salary of one special education director per site
- Report shared regarding non-profit salaries
 - Non-profit salary report -
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EXiRcG3c6K592qIS5ua2KzzPI5MOYG3u/view>
- The offset amounts for tuition rate and hospitals, and an inflationary factor were briefly discussed and will be revisited in a future meeting

4. Specialized Day Schools (SDS) authorization process review

- Terminology was reviewed to distinguish between the SDS authorization process and facility school approval process
- Work Group members reviewed and discussed the final draft SDS authorization process and provided input regarding requirements and other aspects of the guidance document; among other point brought up the legislation regarding seclusion - <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1167> - is set to be noted in policies and procedures as applicable

5. HCPF resource guide update - Michele Craig

- The Work Group received an update regarding a draft resource guide being developed by HCPF for facility schools to utilize. Michele collected positive feedback and will bring the next iteration to the Work Groups attention.

6. Tuition rate and ECEA rules update

- The Work Group was provided with an update regarding the new tuition rate system and notice of rulemaking by the state board of education at their March 13-14 meeting

Closing -

- Members were thanked for their contribution, time and effort, towards the fulfillment of the Work Group's purpose. Historical knowledge is highly valued and at the same time we want members to know that should they have new constraints on their time and are unable to sustain commitment to our monthly meetings they are asked to let Wendy know.

Next Steps - Reminder of upcoming Work Group meetings:

- Next meeting dates: Friday, April 5
 - Thursday, May 2, Thursday, June 6

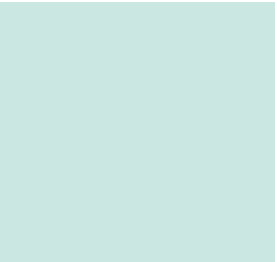
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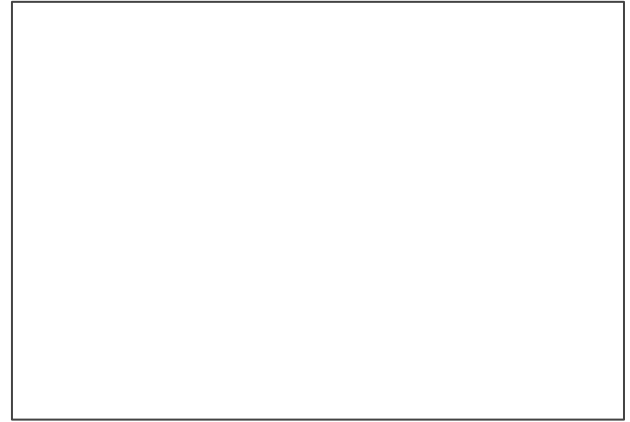
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Clarifying terminology

Authorization of Specialized Day Schools -

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