



## Organization and Subcommittee Proposal

January 11, 2010

I want to thank you for your commitment to the School Funding Advisory Council. Our first meeting was a successful beginning to a long process that will yield significant results for Ohio's schools. As a follow-up to our initial discussion about the development of subcommittees to assist with the important work of our Council, the following information is proposed for your consideration as we head into the second meeting on Jan. 19th. This proposal reflects the discussion on possible subcommittees included in the Council meeting of Jan. 7, 2010. The proposal suggests a method for organizing the work of the School Funding Advisory Council, which I have prepared with staff assistance. Please note that there are two components to the following information:

- a response from you as to your preference for the subcommittee on which you would like to serve
- potential structures for the subcommittees which will be discussed and decided at the Jan. 19th meeting (please be prepared to vote on a choice or offer an alternative for the Council to consider)

This structure addresses all issues articulated in Sec. 3306.29 and Sec. 3306.291, and assigns those issues to a subcommittee which will make recommendations to the full Council, or retains them only for discussion by the full Council (ORC citations included, emphases added).

Council members are asked to communicate their first and second choices for participating in Committees A-D. Predetermined members of Committee E (Traditional Public/Community School Collaboration) may choose to limit their work to that subcommittee, or may choose to participate in one additional subcommittee. Council members not required to serve on Committee E will only be asked to serve on one additional subcommittee.

Deborah S. Delisle, Chair

***For Council Members:*** Please respond to Coordinator Carey McDonald with your first and second preferences for committee participation by Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010.

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Based on those preferences you indicate, a possible membership structure will be circulated for discussion prior to the Jan. 19, 2010 meeting. The Jan. 19 meeting agenda will include a vote on subcommittee membership and structure.

***Note on additional members of subcommittees:*** As was discussed at the first Council meeting, under Sec. 3306.292, the Council has the authority to appoint members to subcommittees who are not members of the full Council: "Up to one-half of the members of each additional subcommittee may be individuals who are not members of the council."

For consideration at the Jan. 19, 2010 meeting, Chair Delisle will recommend that a limited number of additional members be selected for subcommittees, focusing on members who 1) represent organized groups who are engaged in the issues of each subcommittee's jurisdiction and 2) bring expertise or technical knowledge to bear on the subcommittee's policy areas.

Each subcommittee suggested below specifies the required work as identified in law. As the Council continues with its work, additional areas for consideration by each subcommittee may be identified.

Committee A – Special Needs

Committee B – Education Linkages

Committee C – Regional Variation

Committee D – Learning Environments

Committee E – Traditional Public/Community School Collaboration (*defined in ORC Sec. 3306.291*)

### Issues for the Full Council

#### Required

- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)*  
Not later than December 1, 2010, and the first day of July of each even-numbered year thereafter, the council shall present to the state board of education, the general assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, and the public **recommendations for revisions to the educational adequacy components of the school funding model** established under this chapter.
  - (1) The recommendations shall be based on current, **high quality research, information provided by school districts, and best practices** in operational efficiencies.
- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)(a)*  
Recommendations for a **student-centered evidence-based model** for schools that uses a per pupil level of funding to follow a student to the school that best meets the student's individual learning needs;
- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)(e)*  
A consideration of **whether community schools and STEM schools should be subject to the expenditure and reporting standards** adopted under section 3306.25 of the Revised Code and the accountability requirements of sections 3306.30 to 3306.40 of the Revised Code;

### Committee A – Special Needs

#### Required

- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)*  
In preparing its recommendations due December 1, 2010, the council's analyses shall include, but shall not be limited to, the adequacy of the model's financing for **special education, gifted education services...** [and] **services for limited English proficient students...** This analysis shall consider, for each area, current educational need, current educational practices, and best practices.

**Committee B – Education Linkages****Required**

- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)*  
In preparing its recommendations due December 1, 2010, the council's analyses shall include, but shall not be limited to, the adequacy of the model's financing for ...**career-technical education**... and **early college high schools**. This analysis shall consider, for each area, current educational need, current educational practices, and best practices.
- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)(b)*  
A study of the extent to which current funding for **joint vocational school districts and compact and comprehensive career-technical schools** is responsive to state, regional, and local business and industry needs, and recommendations for revisions to career-technical education programming and funding;

**Committee C – Regional Variation****Required**

- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)(c)*  
A study of the extent to which the current **educational service center system** supports school districts in academic achievement, teacher quality, shared educational services, and the purchasing of educational services and commodities, and recommendations for a new regional service delivery system, the educational service system governance structure, and accountability metrics for educational service centers;
- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)(f)*  
An analysis of the effects of **open enrollment** on students and school districts, and recommendations for ensuring that open enrollment policy and financing is equitable for students and school districts.

**Committee D – Learning Environments****Required**

- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)*  
In preparing its recommendations due December 1, 2010, the council's analyses shall include, but shall not be limited to, the adequacy of the model's financing for ...**arts education**... This analysis shall consider, for each area, current educational need, current educational practices, and best practices.
- *Sec. 3306.29 (C)(2)(d)*  
An examination of the existing structures and systems that support compensation and retirement benefits for teachers, and recommendations for changes to the systems of **teacher compensation** and retirement benefits to improve the connections between teacher compensation, teaching excellence, and higher levels of student learning;

**Committee E – Traditional Public/Community School Collaboration (*defined in Sec. 3302.291*)**

Sec. 3306.291. Subcommittee to foster collaboration between school districts and community schools.

- (A) A subcommittee of the Ohio school funding advisory council is hereby established to study and make recommendations to foster collaboration between school districts and community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. The subcommittee shall recommend fiscal strategies, including changes to the funding model established under this chapter, that will provide incentives and compensation for Ohio school districts and community schools to enter into collaborative agreements that result in creative and innovative academic programming for students and academic and fiscal efficiency. The subcommittee shall report its findings and recommendations to the council and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly not later than September 1, 2010, and periodically thereafter at the direction of the superintendent of public instruction.
  
- (B) The subcommittee shall consist of the following members of the council:
  - (1) The school district superintendent;
  - (2) The school district treasurer;
  - (3) One of the school district teachers, selected by the superintendent of public instruction;
  - (4) The member representing a college of education;
  - (5) The member representing sponsors of community schools;
  - (6) The member representing operators of community schools;
  - (7) The community school fiscal officer;
  - (8) The parent of a student attending a community school;
  - (9) The parent of a student attending a school operated by a school district.

The members of the subcommittee shall serve without compensation.