



## MEMORANDUM

From: Deborah S. Delisle, chair  
To: Members of the Ohio School Funding Advisory Council  
Re: Appointment of additional members, invited guests and speakers, future meeting dates  
Date: February 24, 2010

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As we were unable to meet as scheduled on Feb. 16, 2010, I want to share with you a few issues for your thoughtful consideration at our meeting on March 1.

### **I. Appointments for Additional Members of Subcommittees**

Below I have listed my nominations for additional appointments to the Council's subcommittees. At our last meeting on Feb. 4, subcommittees considered my suggestions for possible appointments and made recommendations as to the type of members they would like to join their group. I worked with our staff to identify the following individuals for appointment (the organizations that recommended them appear in parentheses):

#### Learning Environments

Susan Whitten (Ohio Alliance for Arts Education)

#### Education Linkages

John Boggess, Miami Valley CTC (Ohio Assoc. of Career Technical Superintendents)

Dave Plahuta, Polaris CTC (Ohio Assoc. of Career Technical Superintendents)

Steward Gibboney, South-Western City Schools (Ohio Assoc. of City Career-Technical Schools)

Tim Buschur, Tri-Star Career Compact (Ohio Assoc. of City Career-Technical Schools)

Judy Hennessy, Dayton Early College Academy (KnowledgeWorks, Ohio Early College High School Association)

#### Special Needs

Ann Sheldon (Ohio Association for Gifted Children)

Jan Osborn, Putnam County ESC (Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities)

Thomas Babb, Constellation Schools (Ohio Coalition for Quality Education)

Roger Saurer, Copley-Fairlawn City Schools (ESL Advisory Committee)

#### Regional Variation

Craig Burford (Ohio Educational Service Center Association)

Larry Holdren, Ohio Educational Service Center Boards of Education (Ohio School Boards Association)

I will ask the Council's general consent to appoint this slate of individuals at the March 1 meeting.

## II. Invited Guests and Speakers

As we gather the information we need to craft our recommendations due Dec. 1, Council members may wish to hear from external experts. Members who have suggestions for individuals to invite can notify Council Coordinator Carey McDonald or make a proposal at a Council meeting. In general, we will try to bring in as many helpful experts as is practical.

At our last meeting it was proposed that we invite a guest to speak with the Council, but other members objected to that guest's invitation. To resolve disagreements such as this, I would like to put forth a more formal set of standards for choosing our invited guests and speakers. Please consider the criteria below in thinking about who we should invite to join us for discussion. Members who propose guests to invite should address each of the following considerations:

- Relevance to the Council's charge – will the guest substantially be able to contribute to advancing the Council's charge of improving Ohio's evidence-based model of school funding and its various components?
- Specialized expertise – does the guest have expertise in a pertinent area which the Council would not otherwise be able to obtain?
- Practicality – is the guest located nearby, or is there another solution for securing the guest's attendance, given the budget and time constraints of the Council's report this year (members bringing forward suggestions for guests that would require travel reimbursement or an honorarium should identify a funding source)?

In order to invite Dr. Allen Odden or Dr. Lawrence Picus to join us for a meeting as we previously discussed, I will ask one of the members who had requested the presence of Drs. Odden and Picus to make a formal request, per the guidelines above, at our March 1 meeting.

## III. Future Meeting Dates for 2010

In planning our calendar and workload, I have identified dates for the remainder of the year for us to consider (listed below). I suggest we continue to reserve the 12-4 p.m. time slot for these meetings. Note that dates which have already been scheduled are included for ease of comparison.

[March 25, already scheduled]

[April 1, already scheduled]  
[April 27, already scheduled]

May 12  
May 25

[June 4, already scheduled]  
[June 22, already scheduled]

July 14  
July 28

August 9  
August 18 (possibly extended meeting)

September 16  
September 30

October 21

November 3  
November 16  
November 30