

# Settlement Work Group Meeting

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March 28, 2022

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity

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# Welcome & Roll Call



Roll Call— **Work group members—please type your name in the Chat**



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Use the chat function to ask questions



Please note this meeting is being recorded and may be posted for the public

# Welcome

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# Meeting Minutes

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# Meeting Goals

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- Updates from February Consortium Meeting
- Ombudsperson Update - Shannon Griffin, ACLU
- Conversation with Delawareans for Educational Opportunity - Councilman, Jea Street
- Discussion of Non-Supplanting Language
- Review of Governor's Proposed Budget
- Public comment

# Consortium Meeting Updates

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- Discussed progress report at February 10 full body Consortium meeting

# Ombudsperson Update

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Shannon Griffin, ACLU of Delaware

# Discussion & Vote

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**Vote to support a resolution** that reconstitutes DESPAC and establishes a stakeholder educational equity Council to provide independent oversight for the ombudsman program, and to support the effectiveness of Delaware's data system for the purpose of enhancing educational equity

**Vote to support a bill** authorizing an independent Ombudsman program and empowering the equity oversight council for the purpose of improving equitable education for public school students of Delaware



# Delawareans for Educational Opportunity

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Councilman Jea Street, Wilmington 10th District

# Discussion

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- What changes to the settlement could be made?
- How can the Settlement WG assist DEO?

# Review of Non-Supplanting Language

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Problem: Non-supplanting language was included in the settlement

Is there a potential solution?

# Governor's Proposed FY23 Budget

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- \$17.2 M for Redding Consortium and Wilmington Learning Collaborative
  - \$10.2 M to Redding
  - \$7.0 M for WLC
- Ombudsperson funded at \$1.0 M
- Independent Funding Assessment funded at \$1.0 M
- \$4.0 M for Teacher Recruitment and Retention
- Opportunity Funding at \$38.0 M

# FY 23 Settlement Requirements

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# Delaware Lawsuit Settlement: Minimum Actions Needed for Compliance

	Fiscal Year 2021 (School Year 2020-21)	Fiscal Year 2022 (School Yr 2021-22)	Fiscal Year 2023 (School Yr 2022-23)	Fiscal Year 2024 (School Yr 2023-24)	Fiscal Year 2025 (School Yr 2024-25)	Future Years
<b>Opportunity Funding</b>	\$75M over 3 years	<p>Increase to not less than \$35 million and shall provide \$5M of this for mental health or reading supports to schools with high concentrations of low-income and English Learners students.</p> <p>Legislation to make permanent &amp; require LEAs to provide annual report in FY 23</p>	Funding not less than \$35 million and shall provide \$5M of this for mental health and reading supports.	Funding not less than \$50 million and shall provide \$5M of this for mental health and reading supports.	Funding not less than \$60 M and shall provide \$5M of this for mental health and reading supports.	Grows in accordance with Low Income and English Learner student growth
<b>K-3 Basic Special Education</b>	None			Propose legislation via budget epilogue to change funding structure to be the same as the funding structure for basic special education students in grades 4-12		

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<b>Early Education: Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)</b>	\$6.1 million			ECAP double to \$12.2 million	Keep at \$12.2 million	
<b>Teacher Recruitment and Retention</b>	Loan Forgiveness and Scholarships/Grants		\$4 million commitment in addition to FY21 allocations	\$4 million commitment in addition to FY21 allocations	\$4 million commitment in addition to FY21 allocations	
<b>Ombudsperson</b>	None in place	Create and fund one group in each county				
<b>Equity Statement for Capital Projects</b>	Not in place	No date specified				
<b>Independent Funding Assessment</b>		Include sufficient funding	Include sufficient funding	Complete by January 2024		

# Public Comment

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3-minutes per comment



# Future Meetings & Contact Info

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- April 11
- May 23

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