

P-20 Council Meeting Notes
Buena Vista Conference Center
Thursday, July 7, 2011

Welcome

Dr. Lillian Lowery, Secretary of Education, and Dr. Teri Quinn Gray welcomed Council members.

Update on P-20 Regulations

Dan Cruce, Deputy Secretary of Education and Chief of Staff, highlighted House Bill 213 which allows for the sharing of data for required audits or evaluations imposed by state or federal law and allows for sharing of data for research questions approved by the P-20 Council that can help guide policy and practice for better outcomes for students. The legislations also expands the membership of the P-20 Council to include: Secretary of the Department of Labor, Secretary of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families; Secretary of the Department of Health, Chief of the Delaware Chief School Officers Association, President of the Delaware State Education Association, and President of the Charter School Network (or their designees). A significant part also calls for regulations to be developed that governance data collection, analysis, use and reporting.

Update on Early Childhood Database and EC R2T Grant

Jim Lesko, Director of Early Childhood, highlighted the Delaware Early Childhood Data Network. It focuses of essential questions for developing reports, readiness indicators and benchmarks for the dashboard and ongoing data management. Seven essential questions are used and additional information is asked under each of the questions. School Readiness is addressed and its relevance. The ongoing data management tacks children and families, supports transitions across programs, monitors data anomalies and program management. Mr. Lesko also provided an update on the Race to the Top Early Childhood Delaware Process Model. A summary is attached.

Update on Initiatives at Higher Education Institutions

An update was given on the Provost Committee work to date as well as a brief description by each higher education institution on its unique initiatives. Attached are samples of some of the initiatives that were highlighted.