

Study of Adequacy of Funding for Education in the State of Maryland

Progress Report: February, 2016

Study Components

Successful Schools Study (Section 3.2.1):

- APA distributed the school level expenditure data collection tool statewide and is currently working with local school systems on an as needed basis as they complete the tools.

Professional Judgment Study (Section 3.2.1):

- APA and its partners continue the work of determining prices for inclusion in the Evidence-based (EB) and Professional Judgment (PJ) models, including preliminary salary levels, benefits costs, technology costs, and energy costs.

Evidence-Based Study (Section 3.2.1):

- APA is reviewing a draft version of the EB simulation model prepared by its partners. This model uses the EB report as the basis for identifying an EB base per pupil figure and weights for at risk students, ELL students and students with disabilities. Final Salary, benefit and other pricing data are needed before the simulation Model can begin generating data.

Evaluation of Prekindergarten Services (3.2.3.2)

- The revised prekindergarten report was presented to the Legislature and the Stakeholder Group in January.
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Equity and Local Wealth Measures (3.2.3.3):

- The revised report and two memos from the research team were presented to the Stakeholder Group at the January meeting.

Study of Increasing and Declining Enrollment (3.2.3.4):

- A revised report was presented to the Legislature and the Stakeholder Group in January.

Evaluation of the Maryland Geographical Cost of Education Index (Section 3.2.3.6):

- A revised GCEI report as well as a memo from the research team was presented to the Legislature and the Stakeholder Group in January.

Upcoming Deliverables

June 2015 - Evaluation of the Maryland Geographical Cost of Education Index

Next Stakeholder Group Meeting: July 20, 2016, 9:00 am, State Board Room, 7th floor, MSDE Headquarters, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.