Public Education

GEAR Meeting
Buena Vista
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Delaware’s Vision for Education

**Vision**: Every learner ready for success in college, career, and life.

**Mission**: To empower every learner with the highest-quality education through shared leadership, innovative practices, and exemplary services.
Goals for Public Education

• Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA)
• Requirement of Long-term goals
  – English Language Arts and Mathematics proficiency
  – Graduation Rates
  – English Language proficiency
• Focus for education is improving outcomes for our students and looking for efficiencies to better meet the needs of students.
Public Education in Delaware

• Department of Education
  – Prison Education

• Local Education Agencies (LEAs):
  – 16 Geographical districts
  – 3 Vocational technical schools
  – 24 Charter schools
  – DSCYTF
Core Centralization – State Systems

- PHRST, FSF, Statewide benefits & Pension systems
- DTI technology services
- GSS central procurement contracts
- GSS vehicle procurement
- State energy partnership
- State and local bond sales
Core Centralization – Education Systems

- Pupil Accounting System – student management system
- DELSIS – historical student management system
- IEP Plus – Special education management system
- DEEDS – educator licensure/certification/credit tracking
- PDMS – educator professional learning tracking
- Schoology – learning management system for students and educators
- Join DE Schools – job postings/applicant tracking
IT Services

• Core Business needs
  – Phones
  – Wireless
  – Email management
  – Administrative PCs
  – System Hostine
    • File Servers
    • Application Hosting
    • Backup
IT Services

• Student Technology
  – One-to-one device management
    • Chromebooks
    • I pads
    • Other
  – Computer Labs
  – Device Purchases
  – Cloud Services
    • Schoology
    • Google Apps for Education
    • Standardized Testing
IT Services

• BRINC
  – Server Hosting
    • Hosted at DTI Data Centers
      – File Servers
      – Application Servers
      – Phone system servers
  • Cost savings
    – Total number of servers traditionally was proportionally increased by the total number of districts

  – Professional Development
  – Virtual learning
• Operated by Colonial and Red Clay school districts
• Student and Administrative Web Applications
  – State Contracts
    • School Choice
    • FSF Finance Reporting
    • DPAS Teacher Evaluations System
Child Nutrition Services

• Statewide purchasing
  – Lowered food and equipment costs
  – Districts serve high quality, fresh ingredients while keeping student meal prices low
  – Expanded to all sponsors in programs that qualify

• Statewide programs
  – Farm-to-School (Everywhere)
  – Summer food service program
  – Breakfast alternative service models
  – After-school meal programs
Child Nutrition Services

• District partnerships
  – Twelve-month meal programs
  – Food programs for shared (at-risk) populations
  – Statewide training: ServSafe, management training, basic and advanced cooking skills, online training modules

• Collaboration
  – DSNA
  – DASA
  – State advisory committees
Proposed efficiencies:

- Expand state Farm-to-Everywhere program
- Expand after school meals program
- Expand summer meals program
- Increase use of bulk food commodities
- Increase use of state-wide contracts
- Increase partnerships between districts, charters and non-public schools by having districts provide meals for charters and non-publics – leads to higher quality meals at better prices
Personnel Services

• Recruitment fairs

• Collaboration efforts
  – DASPA (HR Directors)
  – LCCC (Licensure and certification)
  – PDAC (Professional development)
  – PSB (Professional Standards)
Personnel Services

• Proposed efficiencies
  – State contract for employee attendance and substitute assignment software
  – State contract to reduce costs for substitute vendors (Kelly Services)
  – New Statewide education applicant/job posting tracking system (to replace Join Delaware Schools)
Other Efficiencies

• School transportation
  – TripSpark – school bus routing system
  – School Bus procurement contract
  – School Bus operations contract

• Science kits

• Curriculum procurement

• County-wide instructional programs
  – Discipline programs
  – Services for students with unique educational needs
Other Efficiencies

- Statewide custodial training
- New bus driver training
- DASA, DSEA, and DSBA provide professional development at low cost or no cost
- DASA, DSEA, DSBA, DOE and Higher Eds pull resources together to problem solve, draft legislation, write regulations and implement changes
Public Education is always looking for opportunities to better serve our students
Questions?