



# Public Education

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**Delaware**  
Department of Education

# 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
    - Ipad
    - 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

# Data Service Center

- 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

# Child Nutrition Services

- 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

# Summary

Public Education is always looking for opportunities to better serve our students

Questions?