

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

Progress Report: September, 2015

Study Components

High Performing Schools Case Studies (Section 3.2.1):

- Research team is nearing completion of the case study cross case analysis
- All case study reports and the cross case analysis will be submitted to MSDE in early October.

Successful Schools Study (Section 3.2.1):

- APA and MSDE have scheduled a review session with a group of five local Chief Financial Officers (CFO) to review the school level expenditures data collection tool.
- APA is finalizing the successful schools selection criteria. .

Professional Judgment Study (Section 3.2.1):

- The Professional Judgment Panels have been scheduled for October and November 2015 and January 2016.
- APA has started analyses for identifying the appropriate sizes for the representative districts and schools used in the PJ panel process and cost model.

Evidence-Based Study (Section 3.2.1):

- The EB report is in its final stages and is expected to be complete by October 1, 2015.
- Work is continuing on the development of the EB simulation model that will use the EB report as the basis for identifying an EB base per pupil figure and dollar per pupil figures and weights for at risk students, ELL students, and students with disabilities.

Evaluate Potential Impact of Community Eligibility Provision on State Aid Formulas (3.2.3.1.1):

- Final report submitted to MSDE and presented to the Stakeholder Group, July 22, 2015.
- APA submitted an erratum for this report on 9-11-15. The final report is now available here: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/adequacystudy/>

Evaluation of Prekindergarten Services (3.2.3.2)

- Draft report provided to MSDE for review.

Equity and Local Wealth Measures (3.2.3.3):

- Draft report provided to MSDE for review.

Study of Increasing and Declining Enrollment (3.2.3.4):

- Final report submitted to MSDE and presented to the Stakeholder Group, July 22, 2015.
- APA and the research team are reviewing the report based on questions posed by members of the Stakeholder Group.

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

- Draft report provided to MSDE for review.

Upcoming Deliverables

September 30, 2015

Final Report – Prekindergarten Services and Funding

Final Report – Evaluation of the Wealth Calculation

Preliminary Report – Review of the Maryland Geographic Cost of Education Index

Next Stakeholder Group Meeting: October 13, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201