

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

Progress Report: January, 2016

Study Components

Successful Schools Study (Section 3.2.1):

- APA finalized the list of 111 successful schools.
- APA piloted the school level expenditure data collection tool with three local school systems at the end of December and will make revisions based on this feedback.

Professional Judgment Study (Section 3.2.1):

- The Professional Judgment Panels have been completed.
- 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 submitted to MSDE and will be presented to the Stakeholder Group at its January meeting.

Equity and Local Wealth Measures (3.2.3.3):

- Based on discussions with MSDE and its partners, the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Legislative Services, and comments from the Stakeholder Group, APA submitted a revised report and two memos from the research team in mid-December. This information will be presented to the Stakeholder Group at the January meeting.

Study of Increasing and Declining Enrollment (3.2.3.4):

- A revised report was submitted to MSDE in mid-November. This information will be presented to the Stakeholder Group at the January meeting.

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

- APA submitted a revised GCEI report as well as a memo from the research team in December. This information will be presented to the Stakeholder Group at the January meeting.

Upcoming Deliverables

January 2016

Revised Report – Increasing and Declining Enrollment

Revised Report – Equity and Local Wealth Measures

Report – Evaluation of Prekindergarten Services

Next Stakeholder Group Meeting: January 21, 2016, 9:00 am, room 145 of the House Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland.