



**JJPOC Education Committee
Infrastructure Subcommittee
November 20, 2019
9:00-10:30am**

The Consultation Center, 389 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

Meeting Summary:

- USD #2 Update
 - In the October JJPOC meeting, it was suggested that the Education Committee review the possibility of moving the responsibility for educational services of all youth in out-of-home placements to USD#2, which is operated by DCF.
 - Since then, there has been 1 meeting in which the Commissioner & Deputy Commissioner of DCF, the Superintendent of USD#2, and representatives from OPM discussed topics such as interest, capacity needed, etc.
 - The 2nd meeting will be scheduled with DCF, OPM, DOC, CSSD, DOMUS and CJR representatives to further this conversation.
- Discussion of Possible Infrastructure Options
 - The Subcommittee went over all of the possible infrastructure options that have been previously discussed and recommended by both Dr. Peter Leone and the members.
 - The Subcommittee unanimously agreed to not pursue Option 3 of keeping the system in its current state while adding a legislative commission for oversight. The members discussed keeping the status quo would not be well received by the JJPOC.
 - The Subcommittee also agreed to not pursue Option 4 of a single agency/non-profit to manage education with oversight from a legislative commission. The members felt Option 4 was too similar to the remaining options and unnecessary.
 - The members decided Option 1, creation of a special school district with an independent school board, Option 2, expansion of USD#1 for all juvenile justice-involved youth, and Option 5, expansion of USD #2, warranted further discussion. There is still discussion on whether Option #2 would need to be separate from DOC or not. The Subcommittee began to map out a preliminary pro/con list for each of these options.
- Other Areas of Discussion
 - Regardless of which option is ultimately chosen, the Subcommittee highlighted the importance that there is an established legislative commission for oversight. This commission will include representation from state agencies, including SDE, and other key stakeholders.
 - The members decided that a special school district should be created for any option chosen as well. The agency that is selected for responsibility will have a central office to oversee education across the system, and address all concerns raised by the Committee including transitions, credit transfers, and quality control.

- This new district and agency will have to identify minimum reporting requirements and frequency to the newly appointed legislative commission. These minimum reporting requirements will be proposed by the subcommittee.
- The new school district should implement standardized testing, not only for the SAT but across subjects areas as well.
- Safety concerns should be considered for staff, especially with high-risk youth.
- Next Steps
 - The Subcommittee will meet again on 11/25 to continue the discussion of pros & cons on the remaining 3 options. This list will then be sent to Dr. Peter Leone for further input.
 - The Subcommittee will share their progress with the Education Committee on 11/25

Next Meeting: November 25th, 2019 @ The William C. Graustein Memorial Fund, 2319 Whitney Ave, (2B) Hamden, CT