

House Committee on Education
November 6, 2013
Brainstorming – Priorities & Issues to Explore

Approach to Session in General

- Keep eye on big picture of achievement gap; avoid getting bogged down with other important but more isolated issues (concussions; green cleaning; etc.) {Peltz}
- Slow down; let what have enacted in recent years settle in {Peltz}

Bullying / Mental Health / Safety in Schools {Buxton}

Calendar – pilot project? {Buxton}

Career Technical Education / Centers

- Adults / hours of operation {Stuart}
- governance and funding {Peltz}

Common Core / SBAC – background; implementation; ramification {Stuart}

Data Collection {Peltz}

Education Funding

- “Ed Funding 101” with Ways & Means and Appropriations {Stuart}
- Take Health Care out of Ed Budgets – Sen. Ashe {Stuart}

Early Education

- Governor’s Summit – action plan {Buxton}
- Prekindergarten bill & Head Start issues {Buxton}

Governance – Local Level

- Merge SUs / Districts (H.544) – Norm Andrews {Juskiewicz; Rachelson}

Governance – State Level

- Commissioner of Early Ed; Commissioner of Higher Ed; etc. {Buxton; Stuart}
- Interagency Cooperation (AHS & AOE) {Peltz; Stuart}

Higher Education – Portability of VSAC {Buxton}

Poverty

- touches on jurisdiction of several committees; what can Ed C’ee do? {Rachelson}
- Hugh Osborne – poverty / teacher training {Stuart}

Reports {Juskiewicz}

Results Based Accountability {Rachelson; Stuart}

Special Education

- “SpEd 101” {Buxton}
- federal mandates {Buxton}
- parents’ / students’ perspectives {Buxton}
- school board members’ perspectives {Buxton}
- mental health aspect – school districts assuming responsibility and costs {Lewis}

Statewide Teachers Contract {Donovan}