

Truancy Taskforce Meeting

November 20, 2015

Meeting Overview

- I. Welcome, Introductions & Overview** (DME – 5 mins)
- II. Measure:** Profile Students Who Are Truant (OSSE – 15 mins)
- III. Monitor:** Committee Updates (DME – 70 mins)
 - Steering Committee (20 mins)
 - Program Committee (10 mins)
 - Data Committee (10 mins)
 - Policy Committee (30 mins)
- IV. Act:** Legislative Update (Council – 20 mins)
- V. Next Steps** (DME – 10 mins)

Measure: Profile of Students Who are Truant

Monitor: Steering Committee

- Draft 2015-16 Truancy Taskforce Strategic Plan
- Chronic Absenteeism

Next Steps

- Send edits/questions to aurora.steinle@dc.gov
- Committees work on next steps

Monitor: Data Committee

- Definition of Truancy
 - During School Year (Quarterly Reporting)
 - Schools: Sector Specific
 - District, Sector, State: All Students Ever Enrolled Truant / All Students Ever Enrolled
 - End of Year
 - All Students Ever Enrolled Truant / All Students Ever Enrolled

Next Steps

- Final sign-off from DCPS/PCSB
- Identify impact for code/regs revisions

Monitor: Program Committee

- Summary of Investments

Next Steps

- Send edits/questions/concerns to aurora.steinle@dc.gov

Monitor: Policy Committee

- Every Student, Every Day: Citywide Plan to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
 - Small group work: 1) Describe; 2) Tweak/Align/Add; 3) Score
- DC School /LEA Model Framework for Addressing Absenteeism
- Current DC Framework for Addressing Truancy

Next Steps

- Policy committee strengthens model over time
- Send changes to aurora.steinle@dc.gov

Act: Legislative Update

Legislative Update

- *To clarify agency responsibilities with regard to school attendance*

Legislative Update

- *To require educational institutions to obtain an explanation from a student's parent or guardian verifying the reason for an absence within no more than five days after a student's return to school*

Legislative Update

- *To clarify attendance reporting requirements for local education agencies, independent, private, and parochial schools*

Legislative Update

- *To repeal D.C. Official Code
§ 38-204 and 38-205*

Legislative Update

- *To amend the protocol for law enforcement officers who come in contact with a minor and has reasonable grounds to believe, based on the child's age and other factors, that a child is truant*

Legislative Update

- *To amend the educational institution referral requirement for Child and Family Services Administration, the Court Social Services Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and the Office of the Attorney General Juvenile Section to only include unexcused full day absences with regard to attendance*

Legislative Update

- *To provide educational institutions with discretion on referrals if a student's 10th or 15th unexcused absence is accrued within the final 10 days of the school year*

Legislative Update

- *To require the State Superintendent of Education to provide written notice to each local education agency, independent, private, or parochial school outlining the attendance and reporting requirements by August 1 of each year*

Next Steps

- Next Taskforce meeting in January
- Data Committee meeting in December