

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER SIXTY-TWO**

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: CREATING THE DELAWARE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO GUIDE EXECUTIVE BRANCH LEADERS IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE DELAWARE STATE ESSA PLAN

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2015, the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA), Pub. L. No. 114-95 § 114 Stat. 1177 (2015-2016), was signed into law by President Barack Obama, reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), a landmark federal education law enacted fifty years prior;

WHEREAS, the ESSA was passed with strong bipartisan support, replacing the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and returning meaningful flexibility to develop education policy to the authority of the states;

WHEREAS, under ESSA, such flexibility will provide the State of Delaware with a unique opportunity to plan for the best ways to support our schools, educators and our students, particularly our students with the greatest need, and under ESSA states are charged with the development of state plans;

WHEREAS, the ESSA provides Delaware with the opportunity to develop a state plan that continues to hold the bar high for all students through challenging academic standards, a path to success in college and career, and access to high-quality early learning opportunities while also ensuring that Delaware provides appropriate supports to our educators and our schools whenever necessary;

WHEREAS, stakeholder engagement and community input are critical to the development and potential success of any plan; and

WHEREAS, an advisory group comprised of educators, parents and guardians, community members, advocates, administrators and other stakeholders is hereby established to offer counsel to the Delaware Department of Education (the "Department") in developing Delaware's state plan, and to ensure Delaware's diverse community voices are represented in the development of the state plan;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Delaware Every Student Succeeds Act Advisory Committee (hereinafter, the “Committee”) is hereby established. The Committee will serve as an additional measure of stakeholder engagement, as required by ESSA, and will review the initial draft(s) and final ESSA state plan and its components, as produced by the Department and will offer input and recommendations to the Secretary of Education and the Governor.
2. The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Chair shall schedule Committee meetings in coordination with the Department. The Chair shall convene at least three (3) meetings and the Committee may, with a majority vote, coordinate with the Chair and Department to convene additional meetings.
3. The Committee shall be comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders who are interested in ensuring excellent educational opportunities for all Delaware’s students, especially those with the greatest level of need and shall consist of the following:
 - a. President of the State Board of Education;
 - b. President of the Delaware State Education Association;
 - c. President of the Delaware Charter School Network;
 - d. President of the Delaware English Language Learners Teachers and Advocates;
 - e. Executive Director of the Delaware Association of School Administrators;
 - f. Executive Director of the Delaware School Board’s Association;
 - g. Chair of the Wilmington Education Improvement Commission;
 - h. Chair of the Delaware Hispanic Commission;
 - i. A Co-Chair of the Early Childhood Council;
 - j. A representative of the Delaware House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House
 - k. A representative of the Delaware State Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Delaware State Senate
 - l. A representative from the Delaware Native American community, appointed by the Governor;
 - m. A representative of the Higher Education community, appointed by the Governor;
 - n. A representative of the business community, appointed by the Governor;
 - o. A representative of a workforce development program or related entity, appointed by the Governor;
 - p. A representative of educators of students with disabilities, appointed by the Governor;
 - q. Three (3) Educators, representing schools in urban and rural communities, appointed by the Governor;
 - r. Four (4) Parent representatives, with one representative from each of the following: the City of Wilmington, greater New Castle County, Kent County, and Sussex County, appointed by the Governor; and

- s. Additional community members and stakeholders may be appointed by the Governor, not to exceed an additional 6 members.
4. Members serving by virtue of position may appoint a designee to serve in their stead.
5. Members shall be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.
6. The Committee will operate under the state open meeting laws. The Department shall provide staffing support for the Committee and shall post Committee meeting dates on the state public calendar. The Department shall also be responsible for recording and posting meeting minutes in accordance with state open meeting laws.
7. The Committee shall provide written recommendations on the components of the state's ESSA Plan to the Secretary and the Governor within 20 calendar days from submission of any initial draft(s) and the final draft of the state's ESSA plan.
8. The Committee shall not be considered a governing body and shall be terminated on December 31, 2017, if not reconstituted by further Executive Order.

APPROVED this 30th day of August, 2016

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State