



Fair Student Funding Working Group Meeting #4

September 2022

Agenda

- Welcome from Co-Chairs and Feedback Form Responses
- Opening and Goals
- How do other districts handle some of the specific items that have been raised?
- Working Group Breakouts and Share Out
- Community Engagement Proposal
- Feedback Form and Next Steps

Goals of the FSF Working Group

- Reviewing and making recommendations relating to the Fair Student Funding formula, including the categories, types of students, grade levels, and weights within the formula, in order to best meet the needs of students citywide, while keeping equity at the core of our work.
- Developing recommendations in time to inform the FY 2024 FSF formula

Norms

- Transparency, visibility, and discussion will be prioritized
- Assume positive intent and lead with intentionality—if a disagreement does arise, it will be proactively addressed
- Step up and step back – making space for all to share



Q and A on Weighted Student Funding (WSF)

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Interest Area Group Breakouts

Working Group Interest Areas

- Special Populations Weights
 - > Including Student with Disabilities, English Language Learners and Academic Intervention Services
- Poverty: Rates and Weights
- Meeting the Diverse Needs of All NYC Public Schools
- Portfolio Weights
- Public Engagement
- Future Scope

Group Members

Special Population Weights	Poverty: Weights and Rates	Meeting the Diverse Needs of All NYC Public Schools	Portfolio Weights	Public Engagement	Future FSF WG Scope
<p>Randi Levine, Sam Weinberger, Paullette Healy, Charlie Huang, Constance Asiedu,</p>	<p>Reana Akthar, Masis Sarkissian, Tazin Azad, Marina Marcou O' Malley,</p>	<p>Jan Atwell, Sheree Gibson, Liz Haela, Alan Ong, Kaliris Salas Ramirez, Mary Vaccaro, Jan Atwell, Jasmine Gripper, Tom Sheppard, Melessa Avery</p>	<p>Ted Leather, Santa Soriano Vazquez, Kaliris Salas-Ramirez</p>		

Task for the Small Groups

- Identify group roles
- Make preliminary recommendations
- If time, provide a rationale for the recommendations
- Record your responses in the Deck, accessible for each group here.

Share Out

- Reporters will share their group's preliminary suggestions and rationales.

Community Engagement Proposal



Engagement Goals of the FSF Working Group

When we began this process, we envisioned community and public engagement being a key component.

Engagement Goals of the FSF Working Group

- Engaged PEP members on potentially leading public engagement; ultimately got feedback that they wanted to be full Working Group members.
- Rough proposal we gave them was one info session per borough, led by the Borough President PEP member.
- This is generally a good starting point for engagement planning, but open to different ideas.

Engagement - Open Questions

- Should engagement sessions be hosted by DOE, by the Working Group or jointly?
- Should engagement sessions be in one per borough, or a different format?
- Should engagement sessions be open and general discussions, or topic specific?

Engagement – Language Access

- Language access is very important.
 - Could host town halls with simultaneous translation.
 - Could host language specific sessions
 - Could do both.
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- It is a major lift, and we need to get rolling right away.

Engagement – Sharing Results

- What does communication and engagement around the Working Groups' results look like?
- How do we share our recommendations?
- Who is the audience to present and engage with?

Working Group: Proposed Timeline

July

- Launch and identify Chairs
- Review current Fair Student Funding Formula (FSF)

August

- Presentations from experts
- Consider specific opportunities for improvement and potential solutions

September

- Consider specific opportunities for improvement and potential solutions
- Conduct public engagement sessions

October

- Finalize recommendations

List of Meeting Dates for the Working Group

- Meeting #4: Thursday, September 1st, 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- Meeting #5: Thursday, September 15th, 4pm to 5pm
- Meeting #6: Thursday, September 29th, 4pm to 5pm
- Meeting #7: Thursday, October 13th, 4pm to 5pm
- Meeting #8: Thursday, October 27th, 4pm to 5pm

Feedback Form

- Please complete the feedback form [here](#)
- A follow up email will be sent with the link following this meeting
- Co-Chairs will work with the Facilitator to use this information to drive the agenda-setting for our next meeting

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Email us at FairStudentFunding@schools.nyc.gov
- Visit: www.nyc.gov/schools
- All Meeting Minutes and Meeting Resources are Posted at:
 - <https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/financial-data-and-reports>