

Note to Terry Rauh

RE: Fiscal Equity Campaign: Problems and Progress

Following is a brief run down of what has been occurring on the development of states and partners and plans since we began the planning phase:

- We have had three conference calls with lawyers for our effort about the potential for our wish list of states to be viable legal targets. To determine this we have provided consultation about the various school finance mechanisms in each state; worked with a possible school finance expert that will be part of our team to analyze how the various mechanisms of funding in each charter law work in theory and practice, and discussed precedents and arguments. Alison has analyze available info on legal cases in each state as well as provided background on financial processes
- At this date, we have given the law firm a list of 7 states - with four as priorities - that we want them to develop arguments for. We have gone from asking them to find our best test cases, to asking them to make arguments for what we consider our best test states. Kevin spoke with his team there before going out for surgery. By mid-August I believe we will have strong data to use for proposals.
- Potential partners - Jose and I conferenced with Kirk Farmer to help assess his interest as acting head of the MO Charter Schools Assoc, as well as to get updated on current legal issues that are on the table and in courts in KC. He is open to hearing more as we evolve our argument and plans. This is a potential solid ally. In Colorado, I will be meeting this weekend with leaders from the Daniels fund to understand better potential partners there we should pursue, as well as seeing a major business man/player in CO Springs. In Georgia we have a solid base of support but no conversations have taken place yet. In New Jersey, an already existing partnership with E3 will pave the way for their involvement, as well as that of the local law firm the Atlantic Legal Foundation, whom we helped delve into the charter school arena years ago. Also in NJ, the parent cadre we are developing will be strong potential allies/plaintiffs in this case. Other state friends/partners will require me to conference/travel or meet one on one with them in various venues. I will maintain that responsibility, once we have firm ideas of plans/budgets, etc
- I have also talked to several potential funders who may be in a position to help match any dollars raised. This includes Kaufman Fdn

- Kara has instructions to find and research parents or other activists who we can trust. Communicaitons personnel should be assessing marketing targets, numbers and data on each state. EA should have info on each state law, politics, etc

Once data is accumulated and numbers assessed, we will pull the plans together.

I will keep you apprised. Thank you.

Jeanne
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