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Adequacy Study Process

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Adequacy Study Statute

- Act 57 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003: established broad study requirements
- Act 1204 of 2007: provided more specific steps for accomplishing requirements
- Act 725 of 2011: added the review of new laws or rules approved in the biennium
- Arkansas Code §10-3-2101 et seq.

Adequacy Study Process

- There is no single report that is The Adequacy Study.
- It is a year and a half long process, culminating in recommendations and a final report.
- The 2011-12 adequacy study included 23 presenters, 13 meetings and dozens of reports.

Study Components

- District-level survey
- School-level survey
- School site visits
- Resource allocation analysis
- Reports presented by BLR
- Presentations from ADE and others

District-Level Survey

- Online survey of all 238 district superintendents
- Purpose: Obtain data not available through other resources
- Timeline:
 - ✓ Mid-August: Develop draft survey
 - ✓ Late August: Work with AAEA to fine tune questions
 - ✓ Mid-October: Email survey link to superintendents
 - ✓ Early November: Survey deadline

School-Level Survey

- Sample of 74 schools
- Online survey completed by principals
- Timeline:
 - ✓ Early September: Randomly select schools
 - ✓ Early November: Email survey link to principals
 - ✓ Mid-November: Deadline for school survey

School Site Visits

- Purpose: To obtain information that requires more explanation
- Teams of two visit clusters of four or five schools over a period of one, two or three days.
- Timeline:
 - ✓ Summer: Develop site-visit questionnaire
 - ✓ November through mid-January: Conduct site visits

Results

- The information gathered from the surveys and site visits are incorporated into many different reports.

Resource Allocation: Staffing

Matrix Item	Matrix Staffing Level	Average District Staffing Level
Classroom Teachers	29.94	??
Special Education Teachers	2.9	??
Instructional Facilitators	2.5	??
Librarian/Media Specialist	.825	??
Guidance Counselor & Nurse	2.5	??
Principal	1	??
Secretary	1	??
Total	35.665	??

Resource Allocation: Expenditures

Matrix Item	Foundation Funding Received	Average District Expenditure
School-Level Salaries	\$4,344.80	??
Technology	\$217.60	??
Instructional Materials	\$176.70	??
Extra Duty Funds	\$55.20	??
Supervisory Aides	\$54.70	??
Substitutes	\$64.00	??
Operations & Maintenance	\$629.00	??
Central Office	\$415.10	??
Transportation	\$309.90	??
Total	\$6,267.00	??

Reports from ADE and Others

- ADE will make presentations on selected adequacy topics; BLR will submit four or five questions for ADE to discuss.
- BLR will write one-page brief on basics of the issue to be covered and distribute to members before each meeting.
- Members of education associations and other advocacy groups may submit comments and present during one or two meetings.

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

Recommendations & Final Report

- Education Committees must submit final report and recommendations to Senate President Pro Tempore and House Speaker by Nov. 1, 2014.
- Must publish a draft report at least 14 days before submitting to President Pro Tempore and Speaker.

Adequacy Links

Link to General Assembly

- <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2013/2013R/Pages/Home.aspx>

Link to Past Adequacy Study Materials

- <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/education/K12/Pages/AdequacyReports.aspx>

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