

EDUCATION/COMMUNITY/POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – 1/17/13

The ECP Committee met this week on Monday, January 14, 2013. At that meeting the committee reviewed the proposed calendar revisions for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year. These revisions were necessary as a result of the days on which school needed to be cancelled as a result of Hurricane Sandy and its impact. With these revisions, the last student day will be June 19th while the last teacher day will be June 21st. Graduation is still scheduled for June 18th.

Two informational topics were also presented to the committee. The Reading Apprenticeship Program seeks to transform academic literacy teaching and learning at the middle school and high school levels. Through this program, reading instruction is integrated into content area teaching. The goals are to significantly increase student engagement and achievement.

In addition to the Reading Apprenticeship Program, the new Pennsylvania School Performance Profile was presented to the committee. This will replace the current "PA AYP Report Card" and include various measures of school effectiveness, namely Academic Proficiency and Growth components, Closing the Achievement Gap components as well other factors. These additional factors are comprised of state standardized tests, teacher evaluation information, and other relevant school information such as attendance, graduation, Advanced Placement participation and student performance. This will be done for each school. The state is going to make this public in April of this school year.

The Committee also reviewed student travel which is on the agenda this evening. The other item that appears on the agenda tonight are the proposed calendar revisions.

The next ECP meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2013.