

## AccelerateED Task Force Meeting Minutes May 26, 2020

Members Present:

Kathy Coleman, Superintendent Molly Spearman, Harrison Goodwin, Alan Walters, Chuck Saylor, Scott Turner, Chanda Jefferson, Sherry Eppleshiemer, Latoya Dixon, Tonya Addison, Patrick Kelly, Sherry East.

Kathy Coleman (Chairman)

Thank you to everyone for all of their work. We have received a lot of comments and feedback and that is what we want to share with you today.

Superintendent Molly Spearman

This week I presented a detailed plan to AccelerateSC committee on the Academic Recovery Camps for K-3. We estimate 25,000 students for face to face instruction that would be 4 weeks and would include transportation. Roughly 5,000 would participate virtually. The cost per student would be \$1,766. This would include one teacher, teacher aide, 1 nurse/200 students, 1 counselor, custodian, bus driver, and enhanced diagnostic tools. The cost per student for virtual instruction would be \$1,250.

Ryan Brown (SCDE Staff)

We heard from a number of groups who provided feedback on the recommendations we posted. They included: parents and teachers who reached out on their own, Carolina Family Engagement Center, Charleston County School District, The SCEA, PSTA, SC School Improvement Council, SEL4SC, SCASA, and Think Shop.

Alan Walters

We very much appreciate this feedback. For the limited purpose of what we are doing today, our subcommittee recommendations can stand as is in the report. I would also like to point out that these recommendations are not mandates, nor are they meant to tie the hands of the districts.

Kathy Coleman (Chairman)

A lot of comments that were received were about the fall. The focus of these recommendations were for the summer.

Patrick Kelly

This was rich, detailed, thoughtful feedback. A lot of what we received was also related to the fall. I would like to propose the following edits to our recommendations:

Page 7, Item 8 under the learning tab “Staff opportunities for high school and adult education opportunities.”

John Payne (SCDE)—Yes this is allowable under the CARES Act funding.

Page 9, Item 2 under formulation “and the implementation of a MTSS for students”

Page 10, Item 4 in the last sentence “simultaneously create and implement”

Scott Turner

This was great feedback. The recurring theme was finance and that has been addressed. We need a timeline on the funding specifically in these two areas:

1. Transportation (specifics on the capacity for buses)
2. Possible workloads (cleaning requirements, especially regarding delivering meals to the classroom)

Superintendent Spearman

We don't have a timeline yet on the funding. I am presenting this, this week to the Senate's committee to reopen SC. We are specifically asking for flexibility for the Department to upfront the cost, and the need for assurance from the General Assembly that they will reimburse us.

Scott Turner

When will we hear from DHEC on the transportation guidelines?

Ryan Brown (SCDE)

DHEC is working on that guidance now.

Kathy Coleman

Are there any additional comments from the other task force members?

Superintendent Spearman

I keep hearing from folks about the need for more detail. We really need to give flexibility to the districts and not be too prescriptive, because a lot of the decisions will need to be at the local level.

Missy Campbell

We are still concerned about custodial costs.

Kathy Coleman

I would like to ask for a consensus vote to move these recommendations forward?

The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned.