

Opening, Closing, Siting (OCS) Working Group: Meeting #4

Date & Time: May 12, 2017 2:30-3:30pm

Location: Conference call line

Attendees:

Mary Levy | Independent education analyst, former Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Parent of DCPS alumnae

Bethany Little | Murch ES, BASIS PCS parent; Education policy expert

Claudia Luján | School Turnaround and Performance Division, Office of the Chief of Schools, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

Shantelle Wright | Founder & CEO, Achievement Prep PCS; Chair, DC Association of Public Charter Schools

Call Summary:

Ramin Taheri and Hannah Holliday went through the examples of the data analyses in Denver and Oakland's Strategic Regional Analyses (SRAs), found in the Meeting 4 Resource Deck (sent to members on 5/10/17) with the Task Force members on the call.

Task Force Member Questions/Comments:

- Q: What's the next level up? What is the strategy the SRAs are informing? What are we seeking to get out of the SRA? Do we even have the data as a city to conduct an SRA?
- Q: What are the types of actions we want this to inform? We need to get on the same page in terms of what we want our SRA to inform. We should start with what we think we should do as a city and then figure out how to measure it with the data we have.
- Q: How do these districts define quality seats? We want to be careful about how we define these. Chancellor spoke about integration as the best way to improve outcomes for all students. We need to keep this idea of quality seats in mind as we think about what we want to accomplish and what we need to know. Measuring quality should not just come down to test scores.
 - A: We should consider that it is easier for us to establish a baseline of what we consider to be quality (i.e., Common Accountability). However, this is the floor and we can consider other factors and metrics as well. Our SRA doesn't have to be limited by the Common Accountability system and could include more.
- Q: What's the next step for this? What's happening at the next meeting?
 - A: There seems to be interest across the board in trying to think of a coordinated citywide way to inform planning; there is momentum behind this. The SRA is flexible enough; it's really about what would this document help inform and what decisions will it drive or influence or drive?
- Comment: We have probably already outlined some of the questions we would like the SRA to answer; having that conversation within the framework of the SRA is helpful.

- (Ramin) The next part of this conversation: what would the SRA look like and how would it work? What questions is it trying to answer? We will send out the SRAs from Denver and Oakland for you all to take a look at before the next meeting.

The call ended at 3:25pm