

**Alliance for High Quality Education
Legislative/System Improvements Committee**

Zoom Meeting Summary
Friday, January 31, 2025
10:00 a.m.

In attendance on video conference: Executive Director Tony Podojil and Legislative Consultant William Schwartz and member representatives from 50 school districts.

Tony convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update Alliance members regarding the most recent legislative activity listed below:

I. MAJOR BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION

- a. HB 8 Parents Bill of Rights
The bill was signed into law and takes effect April 9.
- b. HB 70 Required Policy on OTC Drugs
The bill was signed into law and takes effect March 20.
- c. HB 206 Student Expulsion Policies
The bill was signed into law and takes effect April 9.
- d. HB 315 Needs Assessment for Foster Children
The bill was signed into law and takes effect April 9.
- e. HB 432 -SB 29 Fix and Career-Technical Educator License Flexibility
The bill was signed into law. The SB 29 fixes took effect on Dec. 9, 2024, and the career-technical education provisions take effect March 10.
- f. SB 104 CCP and the Bathroom Bill
The bill was signed into law and takes effect February 25.
- g. SB 208 Military Open Enrollment and Omnibus Changes
The bill was signed into law and takes effect April 9.
- h. SB 234 – 988 Number on School ID Cards, Planners and Website
The bill was signed into law and takes effect April 9.

II. RECENTLY INTRODUCED BILLS

III. DEW/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- a. DEW Budget Priorities
DEW will continue its investments in literacy improvement. They are likely to propose career planning, computer science education, and principal apprenticeship programs.
- b. Controlling Board Appropriation
The State Board of Education received \$4.66 million from the State Controlling Board, filling its multi-million-dollar budget shortfall.

VI. OTHER ISSUES

- a. House/Senate Leadership and Committee Chairs
Please see attached document
- b. Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform
The report of the Joint Committee on Property tax has been distributed along with a overview from Senator Blessing on his viewpoints related to the recommendations listed. This will undoubtedly be used as a basis for many of the property tax reform bills set to be dropped in the new session.

V. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is February 21, 2025, at 10am.
The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.