



Budget & Education Working Group

Group E: Programs & Curriculum

May Meeting Summary

Below are notes from comments made by the Budget & Education Working Group members.

Identified Obstacles:

- Lack of funding for gifted and talented programs.
- After School Programs: programs are augmenting school system and assisting community (working parents).
 - Most funding comes from federal programs, needs more state support.
- Grant process is difficult, complicated, and long for average person.
- COVID learning loss is still affecting children.
- Curriculum does not flow between grades and between districts.
- Indian education
- What's required vs what's funded. Unfunded mandates affect schools.

Discussed Solutions:

- Repository of individuals who can assist with grant process outside of OPI. Help individual schools or after school programs with grant writing (state & federal).
- Can we incentive more community volunteer efforts for public schools: helps schools and builds community ties.
- Lack of Teachers: Using qualified professionals for positions that are hard to fill.
- Developmental and integrated curriculum, especially between k-3rd grade.
- More parental transparency for curriculum, schools should report how curriculum flows between grades.
 - More transparency for results.
- How to encourage or facilitate more donations to schools.
- Where can additional revenue come from other than property taxes?