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Lower Hudson Education Coalition

Invoice *Due:09/13/2018*
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Dear Superintendent,

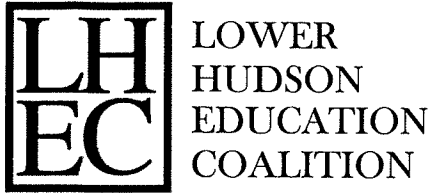
The Lower Hudson Education Coalition (LHEC) is counting on your school district's 2018-19 subscription to support our regional advocacy work. The attached information provides an update on our recent activities and plans for the upcoming year:

- LHEC Regional Update and Advocacy Planning
- 2017-18 Legislative Priorities
- 2018-19 Annual Subscription Invoice

The LHEC is poised to spearhead a cohesive advocacy program with a regional voice that is 77 school districts strong. We thank you in advance for your district's participation in this important effort.

LHEC Steering Committee

Kelly Lappan, Chair (DCSBA Executive Director)
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The Lower Hudson Education Coalition (LHEC) is counting on your school district's 2018-19 subscription as we begin a new year of action advocacy. With the continued support of school districts in our region, the LHEC will pursue a cohesive, proactive advocacy plan to address the issues that affect our districts.

WHO WE ARE

The school districts in our four counties - Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester - are quite diverse in terms of size, wealth, and demographics, yet there is much more common ground than there are differences. The LHEC stands as one of the few regional coalitions of superintendents and board members. Through a consistent message and strategy, our voices become one and we are more effective in advocating for our students, public education, and our region.

ADVOCACY STRIDES

2017-18 was a transition year filled with conversations and strategic planning that led to hiring an Albany-based government relations firm, Ostroff Associates, in April 2018 to fill the LHEC lobbyist role. The Steering Committee has been impressed with Ostroff's knowledge, access in Albany, responsiveness, and timely monitoring of legislation. Their efforts to date on our behalf include:

- Meeting on a regular basis with legislators and key staff, including the Governor's office, to introduce the work of the LHEC and share our priorities.
- Writing memos to legislators and others regarding pending legislation on issues such as state assessments and teacher evaluations, school funding, special act districts, and TRS reserve.
- Providing timely updates to districts highlighting Ostroff's insights on education legislation.
- Tracking the path of education bills awaiting the Governor's signature.




2018-19 VISION

Partnering with our school districts and Ostroff Associates, we will amplify our regional voice:

- Ostroff Associates will meet with sponsoring organization members to hear your input.
- The LHEC.ORG website will be a regional locus of district resources and advocacy updates.
- We will have regular communications and meetings with NYS Senate, Assembly, Executive Office, and Board of Regents officials and staff to discuss regional issues.
- Our advocacy agenda will be developed well before the Governor's January budget release.
- Ongoing conversations with districts will ensure we are poised to address percolating issues.

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

The LHEC needs the financial support of every district in our four-county region. Your district's annual \$875 subscription fee (invoice sent electronically) provides us with the means to serve as a regional leadership hub and spearhead a comprehensive, well-defined advocacy plan in partnership with Ostroff Associates. Thank you in advance for your participation in our regional coalition. Our collective efforts make a difference for public education and the students we serve.

TOGETHER WE REPRESENT			
	77	239,000	1,000,000+
	Districts	Students	Voters

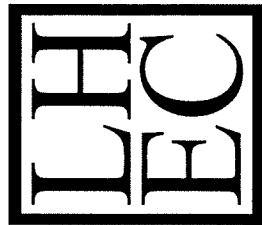


The Lower Hudson Education Coalition covers a

four-county region — Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester — and is a regional voice for public education advocacy. Established in 1976, the Lower Hudson Education Coalition (LHEC) is a joint project of the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents (LHCSS), Dutchess County School Boards Association (DCSBA), Rockland County School Boards Association (RCSBA), and Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (WPSBA). The LHEC serves as a clearinghouse for regional legislative activities, lobbying for regional public education issues with state and federal officials and providing legislative information to the member school districts.

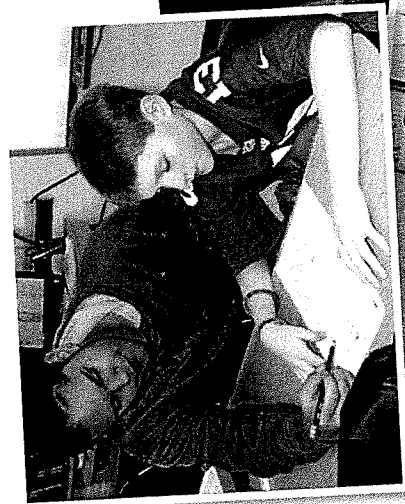
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2017-18



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: A SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

- ▶ Develop a research-based evaluation system that promotes teacher learning and professional growth.
- ▶ Extend the existing moratorium.
- ▶ Appoint a committee of educators who have studied or are deeply familiar with 3012-d to draft a set of improvements.



Reserve Fund

- ▶ Establish a Teachers Retirement System reserve fund as a sub-fund within the existing Retirement Contribution Reserve Account.
- ▶ Support S.4563 (Golden)/A.7353A (Buchwald).



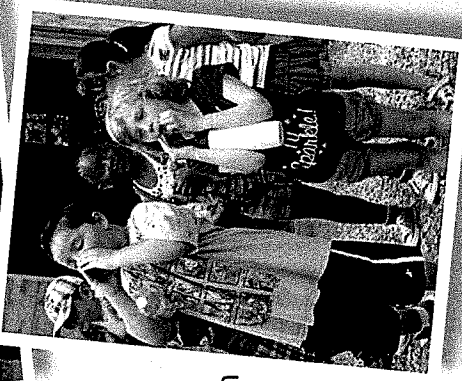
Foundation Aid

- ▶ Phase in the Foundation Aid Formula.
- ▶ Adjust the Regional Cost Index for our area.
- ▶ Update weighting to reflect changing student needs.



Tax Cap

- ▶ Make the base for the school property tax cap a minimum 2%.
- ▶ Provide an exclusion for pension costs with an increase over 2% instead of 2 percentage points.
- ▶ Support S.4283 (Murphy)/A.5965 (Galef), which excludes BOCES capital costs from tax cap calculation expenses.
- ▶ Create permanent inclusion of PILOTs in tax base growth.



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8/14/2018

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Lower Hudson Education Coalition (LHEC)

Description	Amount
Annual Subscription Fee 2018-2019	875.00
Please remit by September 30, 2018	
Total	\$875.00

We thank you for your participation in the LHEC.

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2018

Attendees: Steve Jenkins, Diane Lyons, Laura Schulkind, Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell

Citizens Advisory Committee

The group planned for the next set of CAC meetings and identified potential dates for each meeting. It's important to provide parameters for the group to focus the discussions. We will re-circulate the group charter and remind members that our goal is to identify what the community would like to see in the district, how we might prioritize the allocation of resources, what innovative programming might be introduced to keep our schools vibrant. We will also provide a list of topics for discussion and prioritization previously worked up by the LRP committee:

- Class size
- Electives via online programming
- Machine Learning - where and how much is acceptable
- How do we intelligently enhance the experience of students
- What are some creative ways to engage new ideas
- What new programs have evolved at RCSD? What has worked? What hasn't?
- Shared services - what is the sense about cooperation with other Districts
- Consolidation - what sorts of structural changes would be acceptable? Rather than full consolidation are there other models that might work? Local elementary/middle programs and combined high schools that specialize?
- Opportunities for in-house special education programming
- Traveling teachers between campuses

Joe will ask Steve Jensen to set up a Google repository of information for the CAC which will include links to important documents on the district website (i.e. curriculum, graduation requirements, etc.), items the committee has requested, video recordings of our meetings and work generated by the group. Marvin will be brought in to provide context for any curricular questions that will arise.

Tom will reach out to Julia Sniffen, HS Principal at Haldane and set up a conference call or field trip to discuss their long-range planning process.

Long Range Planning Goal

Language for the LRP goal, year 2 was developed and approved by the group to be shared with the full Board. We will look at other schools' LRPs to determine appropriate formatting for the draft plan and how it will compliment the Board approved CDEP Plan.

Next meetings:

August 29 - Haldane call/trip

September 12

September 25

October 10