



Who we are: A coalition of organizations committed to excellent and equitable education opportunities for all Delaware students—who believe the foundation of an equitable education is the funding system.

Our mission: “We support **additional resources for students with greater needs**, with a priority on those who are living in poverty and English language learners—and, we support a gradual **transition away from the unit system to a foundation formula** in which every student is guaranteed the same base amount of funding each year that would follow them to their public school of choice—and that would then be supplemented with additional resources (or “weights”) based on their needs.”

In other words, **we can’t fix these problems by simply adding more money to the current system.** Additional allocations that take into account the needs of students, such as low-income students and English language learners, is a necessary first step. But layering money on top of the current system will not address the fact that allocating units leads to funding disparities not only between districts, but within districts.

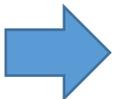
Coalition 2018 goal: Build a louder, broader demand for funding system change and increase public awareness of funding equity issues and solutions through a coordinated campaign, with strategies/activities such as:

- Pursue increased transparency: Ensure Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) per-pupil reporting requirement is implemented with consistency and community input
- Outreach and mobilization of legislators/policymakers and grassroots communities
- Communications (op-eds, fact sheets, social media, website)
- Events (Summit, community workshops)

Member Organization Expectations:

- Keep students first, and agree to the mission above, derived from the principles statement previously sent to the General Assembly signed by 20+ organizations
- Communicate publically about the coalition and its beliefs including share social media posts and published campaign materials
- Attend and recruit others from your networks to participate in coalition events and activities
- Align other advocacy efforts and share credit as a coalition
- Contribute the perspectives of your organization, listen, and seek compromise and consensus
- Put student needs first
- *Recommendations for other expectations welcome*

Our history: This coalition of organizations came together in 2016 when many were represented on the state Education Funding Improvement Commission (EFIC), which was intended to make recommendations for transitioning to a student-centered funding system. Since then, we’ve continued individual and collaborative advocacy efforts, including providing feedback during the development of Delaware’s ESSA plan. Moving forward, we believe we can achieve more together than alone. Visit www.educationequityde.org to see the following materials we’ve produced: [Principles statement letter](#), [Education Funding FAQs](#), and [Student Profiles](#).



Before you leave, fill out the attached page and leave it on the center of your table

Name: _____

Membership and Interest Form



1. Officially join the coalition! To let us know if your organization agrees to the mission, goals, and expectations above, we need:

- a. Email address(es) of point person(s) to be included on listserv for occasional email updates:

- b. Logo of the organization I represent/am a member of to be displayed on www.educationequityde.org:

Organization(s) name: _____

- Yes, use my logo now. I will email a hi-res logo to educationequityde@gmail.com
- I need more time to get approval—please follow up with me

2. Tell us your interests! In addition to the member expectations on the previous page, I am/my organization is willing to also help with:

a. **Communications:**

- Contribute to opinions/letters to the editor
- Contribute to drafting graphics, social media content, website content, etc.
- Other:

b. **Events:**

- Use “meeting-in-a-box” materials to present on education funding to your organizations
- Participate in coalition planning and discussion calls
- What events about education funding are coming up that we should share? What other materials/information would you need?

c. **Legislative:**

- Contact legislators (e.g. in support of funding issues, or to encourage attendance at events), and encourage others to do so

d. **Other:** What other opportunities should we consider?

3. Help us continue planning:

a. Telling student stories: Recommend a student, parent, professional, or community member whose story can help illustrate challenges with the funding system, and who might be willing to be featured: (Please include their name, title, why you recommend them, and if you could introduce us?)

b. Additional members: Suggest other community groups and organizations that may share our goals and be included. Can you make the introduction?

c. Final thoughts: Tell us what questions, information, or feedback you have for us: