

## **Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • June 9, 2016**

In actions at their June 9 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- •Approved all final VICC transportation routes for 2015-2016. As of the end of the 2015-2016 school year, a total of 4,636 students had been served by the VICC transportation service, with an average ride time (one way) of 55 minutes. In total, VICC buses and cabs traveled about 5.4 million miles during the past school year.
- Approved the officers presented by the Nominating Committee for VICC offices for the 2016-2017 year. They are:

## **VICC Officers:**

**Chairperson** Dr. Steve Brotherton, Superintendent, Affton School District **Vice-Chairperson** Dr. Eric Knost, Superintendent, Rockwood School District

**Secretary** Mrs. Lisa Gray, VICC

- Approved a resolution allowing VICC to be eligible to participate in the election of directors at MOSIP's Annual Meeting of Participants.
- Approved the VICC budget for 2016-2017. The proposed budget projects revenues of \$47,948,100 and expenditures of \$51,453,100. These amounts assume total student enrollment in September, 2016, of 4,585 students (up from the current year's September enrollment of 4,443), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county districts will decrease from \$7,250 to \$7,000 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2016-2017 year.

All budget estimates are subject to adjustments as better information regarding actual enrollments and financial matters becomes available.

- Approved a 3.00 percent salary increase for VICC staff for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of May, 2016, 29,298,484.49 was invested as follows: 27.15 percent in FDIC insured CDs; and 72.84 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through May, 2016, revenues totaled \$45,401,294.56. Expenditures for that period were \$25,717,990.19. Revenues are meeting expectations and actual costs are anticipated to be less than originally budgeted since most districts' education reports are less than anticipated.

Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of June 1, 2016, VICC had received 2,859 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2016-2017 school year, which is similar to the 3,242 and 3,061 received at this point during the previous two years. The number of new openings -- 651-- is significantly higher than the number of new enrollments for the last three years. Consistent with prior years, the vast majority of new spaces are at the kindergarten through second grade levels, although some districts are making some spaces available at the middle school and high school levels. At this point, VICC already has more applications than openings at almost every grade level in almost every attendance area. While not all applications are ultimately determined to be eligible due to behavior, city residency or special education issues, it appears that there will be no trouble filling all available spaces in all districts. Year-to-date magnet applications for 2016-2017, total 120, compared to 140 and 162 in 2015-

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2016 and 2014-2015, respectively. Magnet participation continues to increase primarily due to interest in the new Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (CSMB).

• Received a report on weighted voting percentages for the VICC Board to be effective in 2016-2017 which are based upon June 1, 2016, enrollments. They are as follows:

Affton	2.2%
Bayless	3.1%
Brentwood	2.2%
Clayton	6.5%
Hancock Place	4.1%
Kirkwood	3.7%
Lindbergh	0.4%
Mehlville	8.1%
Parkway	24.7%
Rockwood	34.4%
Valley Park	3.9%
Webster Groves	3.1%
Special School	0.3%
St. Louis	3.1%

- Received an annual report summarizing transportation data and survey results regarding customer satisfaction with transportation services. Overall 88% of the principals responding to the survey indicated they were very satisfied or satisfied with on-time arrival of buses.
- Received a report which details the special education incidence rates as of January, 2016. The favorable trend that had developed during 2007 and 2008 (which was interrupted by an increase in 2009) continued as incidence rates decreased in nine of the twelve individual districts and the overall program average decreased from 19.87 percent in January, 2015, to 18.27 percent in January, 2016. The current rate remains significantly below the peak rate of 26.5 percent in January, 2006.
- Continued discussion of strategic planning for VICC including mission and goals of VICC, the consideration of a third five-year extension, the financial implications of different enrollment levels and how the VICC office should be staffed in the future.
  - Meetings for 2016-2017 are as follows:

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8:00 a.m. Friday, September 16, 2016 at Education Plus Offices 8:00 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2016 at Education Plus Offices 8:00 a.m. Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Education Plus Offices 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Education Plus Offices 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Urban League
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The meetings marked Education Plus will be held at 1460 Craig Road. The Urban League meeting will be held at 3701 Grandel Square. Agendas will be available at the VICC Office one week prior to the meeting. Interested parties are welcome to attend, and those who wish to address the board are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting.