



## Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • November 30, 2012

In actions at their November 30 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved a proposal from Oracle Corp. to provide data base software license and support services for a one-year period beginning January 9, 2013, at a cost of \$7,106.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of October, 2012, \$18,676,265.98 was invested as follows: 35.58 percent in FDIC insured deposits, 0.00 percent in U.S. government agencies; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 0.00 percent in FDIC insured CDs; and 64.42 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed reports on VICC's financial position. Through October, 2012, \$18,223,852.00 in revenues were received. Expenditures for that period were \$10,715,747.09.
- Received the final applications/enrollment report for the 2011-2012 school year. While the interest level of city families in transferring to county school districts remains high based upon the number of applications received to date the number of openings available was limited. Based on district enrollment targets only 472 new spaces were available for 2012-2013, down from the 679 spaces reported earlier this. Three districts significantly reduced their number of spaces available. There were 507 actual placements for the 2012-2013 school year with lengthy waiting lists for most grade levels in most attendance areas. A total of 4,075 applications were received, which is just slightly higher than the number received in the prior two years. Actual enrollment of city transfer students for 2012-2013 is 5,084 as of November 15, 2012. New applications for the county to city (magnet) program totaled 125, compared to 171 and 174 the previous two years. New acceptances for 2012-2013 are down slightly from last year at this time, totaling 54. The St. Louis Public Schools' appears to have limited space available for county students in the programs in which they are interested.. The gifted magnet sequence draws the greatest interest. SLPS has instituted a new application, placement and notification timeline for the 2013-2014 school year, including three lottery pool periods.
- Received and discussed the second MAP analysis report that is limited to VICC students only for the 2012 testing period. This newly available data confirms what the 2011 data indicated -- that significant academic benefits (as measured by standardized tests) result from students' participation in the transfer program. Average MAP scores for transfer students are higher than for black students remaining in the St. Louis Public Schools. This difference is relatively consistent in grades three through eight and smaller at the high school grades (which could be related to higher drop out rates in the city). MAP scores of transfer students in each individual district are generally higher than for black students remaining in SLPS in most grade levels and most content areas tested.
- Received a report on the 2011-2012 student attendance study. For the ninth straight year, the overall average student transfer attendance rate continued a trend of annual increases and now stands at 93.85 percentage overall (up 0.27 percent from 93.58 percent last year.) Otherwise no significant new findings were identified compared to prior year's data. Grade point average and school district continue to be the two factors having the strongest correlation with attendance rates. Attendance rates are highly consistent between years in almost every aspect.
- Received and had a preliminary discussion on a proposal brought forth by the School District of Clayton to consider including a family financial means test for eligible VICC families at some point in the future. Implementing such a program would require a unanimously-approved amendment to the 1999 Settlement Agreement which governs the program and its admission criteria.

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*Minutes of the meeting are available for review at the VICC Office after approval by the Board.*

- Future Meetings for 2012-2013 are as follows:

- 10 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 at Lindenwood University

- 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2013 at Lindenwood University

- 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 13, 2013 at the Urban League, 3701 Grandel Square

The meetings marked Lindenwood University will be held in the Spellman Center, Leadership Center Conference Room at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, **prior to** the CSD Superintendents' Roundtable meeting. Those marked VICC will be held in the Conference Room at the VICC Office, 7425 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 110. 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.