

## SLO Quarterly Conference Call Summary

2/21/2017 2-3pm

### In attendance:

Molly Wagge	ADE-VISTA Service Member
Jim Buchanan	ADE-SLO Liaison
Elena McShane	SLO
Shanna Thomas	Elena's Supervisor
Paula Alarcon	SLO
Kelli May	SLO

### Agenda:

1. Revised Standards (replacing Common Core)
2. A-F Accountability- Military Enlistment Tests
3. Military Spouse Teacher Certification
4. Lexington Institute Report
5. Other Topics or Issues to Be Addressed

### Call Notes:

#### Revised Standards

- Revised AZ standards to replace Common Core
  - There does not seem to be a lot of concern at the district level
  - Elena was told that whatever changes were going to be made would be slight; the bulk of the standards would still look like Common Core

#### A-F Accountability- Military Enlistment Tests

- Jim-Familiar with ASVAB, but not familiar with testing once members enter the military
- Elena- strange that they would consider incorporating the military tests if not all schools are doing it

## Military Spouse Teacher Certification

- Elena spoke with a recruiter from Educational Services Incorporated
  - ESI contracts with school districts in helping them recruit school teachers
  - Several Yuma districts contract with ESI and have hired teachers from that service-many have been military spouses
  - ESI teachers do not have to pay into AZ state retirement
  - These teachers are employees of ESI not the school district- no fee involved to receive the service
- Jim- If a person has valid certification from a different state, transfer process can work out fairly well in many cases
- The ADE certification department is trying to remove barriers for anyone seeking to teach in AZ with an out of state teaching certificate

## Lexington Institute Report

- Proves that there is very little consistency from state to state
- Elena- not every military child is hindered in their ability to achieve academically or pursue a college career
- There are a lot of school options now- not every child is affected due to the variety of opportunities
- The report has value as a benchmark to check ourselves from time to time to see how we add up to other states

## Other Topics:

### The impact of open enrollment:

- Pro-choice/open enrollment has had a positive impact- there are more options for families to ensure that their children are getting a quality education which enhances their quality of life
- Shanna- families in California are struggling with the lack of choice of schools, or the illusion thereof

- Elena- In Yuma, schools that were not considered desirable have now made positive changes in leadership, policy, etc. to compete for the enrollment of military kids

#### Remote enrollment:

- Important for military children to be able to enroll and register for classes along with other students so that they get the chance to choose their courses
- Kelli- California's SB-1455 was passed last year to allow remote enrollment for military children
  - Allows military families to temporarily enroll their children in a district before moving – they must provide proof of residency within 10 days of arriving
  - Can use any mode of communication to provide necessary documents – does not require a new electronic system
  - Application of new policy was limited to school districts within a zone of installation
  - New legislation (SB-455) will hopefully clean up the language so that the remote enrollment applies to all school districts
- ADE found a sponsor and a similar piece of legislation is to be proposed in AZ
  - Kelli May will get an update on its status
- Elena- some schools in Yuma are already allowing remote registration - can submit web orders with cover letter and district will waive residency until family arrives
- Need the legislation to make remote enrollment applicable everywhere

#### Empowerment Scholarship:

- Elena- assessment for potential exceptional student service needs
  - Clarification on what happens when a student enters into private school with no observed learning disability, but later something arises and the parents are seeking some kind of medical evaluation...

❖ **We have yet to hear when the next interstate compact meeting will be.**