

STATE OF DELAWARE



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Education Improvement Commission ("EIC") was formed by Executive Order Twenty-One in August of 1994; and

WHEREAS, the EIC has worked diligently since that time to complete the tasks assigned to it by Executive Order Twenty-One under the distinguished leadership of outstanding members of Delaware's educational and business sectors; and

WHEREAS, the EIC's members are to be commended for their efforts to improve the education of Delaware's students; and

WHEREAS, the EIC produced a thoughtful interim report on January 17, 1995 setting forth its preliminary recommendations, as well as a timely state improvement plan pursuant to the federal "Goals 2000" legislation; and

WHEREAS, in view of the complexity of the issues it is addressing, the EIC requested an extension of its original timeline so as to present a more thoughtful final report; and

WHEREAS, the EIC has conducted a series of public hearings, numerous focus groups, and briefings of and meetings with constituent groups to ensure that its recommendations reflected a wide variety of viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the final report of the EIC, there will be a need for a panel to oversee implementation of the Goals 2000 state improvement plan and it would be useful to have such panel available to provide advice with respect to the implementation of the EIC's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the EIC contains representation from a broad-base of Delaware's education constituencies and is in an ideal position to carry forward the implementation of the Goals 2000 Plan and to act as an advisory resource for the Governor, the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction in the implementation of policies resulting from its recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS R. CARPER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby order and declare that:

1. The EIC shall issue its final report and recommendations on or before October 1, 1996.
2. The Executive Branch shall consider such recommendations this Fall and present a package of bills to the General Assembly in 1996 implementing such portions of the recommendations as it deems advisable and beneficial. These legislative proposals shall include proposals for possible inclusion in the State's budget and capital improvements appropriations bills for fiscal year 1997 or in the epilogue thereof. The Executive Branch shall consult with members of the EIC in the preparation of this legislative package, particularly the Chairpersons of the EIC and its subcommittees.

3. The Executive Branch shall also consult with the Chairpersons of the EIC and develop a strategy for obtaining public comment upon the EIC's report in advance of the submission of a legislative package in 1996. The Executive Branch shall also work with the Chairpersons of the Senate and House Committees on Education so as to further the goal of ensuring legislative implementation of the EIC's recommendations through a timely and deliberative hearing process.

4. Upon completion of its final report, the EIC shall continue to serve as the State's Goals 2000 Advisory Panel. The EIC may also be convened at the call of the Governor to provide feedback on the implementation of its recommendations.



APPROVED this 17th day of
September, 1995

Thomas R. Carney
Governor

ATTEST:

Edna Paul
Secretary of State