

STATE OF DELAWARE



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER SEVENTEEN**

RE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the restructuring of the Department of Education to create a Secretary of Education reporting directly to the Governor has given the State a valuable opportunity to pursue significant reforms in recent years; and

WHEREAS, further definition and alignment of roles and responsibilities in the Department of Education may increase the efficiency and quality of the Department's services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is staffed by skilled, hard-working employees who deserve a department structure that maximizes their talents;

I, RUTH ANN MINNER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, HEREBY ORDER ON THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2001:

1. The Department of Education Review Committee is created for the purpose of providing a report to the Governor on potential changes to the structure of the Department of Education in order to improve the quality and efficiency of services offered by the Department.
2. The Committee shall consist of 20 members, to be selected by the Governor as follows:
 - a. One chairperson
 - b. Three school superintendents, one from each county.
 - c. Three school principals, one from each county. One principal shall be an elementary school principal, one shall be a middle school principal, and one shall be a high school principal.
 - d. Three representatives of the Delaware business community.
 - e. One representative of the State Board of Education.
 - f. Two school district administrators below the level of superintendent, at least one of whom must be a member of the Delaware Association of School Administrators.

- g. One representative from the Council of College Presidents.
 - h. Two active school teachers, at least one of whom must be a member of the Delaware State Education Association.
 - i. One representative from each of the following organizations: State Budget Office, Delaware School Boards Association, Delaware Professional Standards Board, Office of the Governor.
- 3. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation.
 - 4. Staff support for the Committee shall be provided by the Department of Education, provided that no more than ten hours of staff time per week shall be provided to the Committee.
 - 5. Within 180 days of the date of this Order, the Committee shall report to the Governor on the following specific subjects:
 - a. Whether any changes in the roles and responsibilities as well as the structure of the Department of Education below the level of cabinet secretary would allow the Department to improve the efficiency or quality of services it offers to Delaware schools, teachers and students.
 - b. Whether the Department is performing any functions that should be performed by another branch or level of government.
 - c. Whether the Department should assume any functions that are currently being performed by another branch or level of government.
 - 6. To the extent that any members of the Committee dissent from any recommendations of the Committee, those members shall be given the opportunity to have their dissenting views attached to any final report provided to the Governor.
 - 7. All recommendations made by the Committee shall contain an analysis of the fiscal impact of said recommendation.




Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State