

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
RE: STATE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

WHEREAS, education is recognized as a major determinant of one's personal growth, development and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, knowledge is a chief component of individual and national productivity and of this nation's and state's capacity to innovate maintain general economic health, development and strength; and

WHEREAS, several national studies and reports have demonstrated a serious decline in the quality and appropriateness of America's public education systems; and

WHEREAS, the Education Commission of the States and several other national studies have recommended the establishment of broadly inclusive task forces representing business, educational system employees, government and educators at the local level; and

WHEREAS, interest in and the need for such a task force is being witnessed in the State by the creation of numerous education study groups and ad hoc committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. A State Task Force on Education for Economic Growth is hereby created.

2. Said Task Force shall consist of broadly inclusive representation of the business community, educational system employees, government and educators. The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Delaware shall serve as Chairperson of this Task Force. Mr. Robert Barnett will serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Task Force.

3. The Task Force's mission shall be to review and make recommendations to help improve the relationship between educational programs and employment opportunities and economic development.

4. Objectives of the Task Force are to:

a. Prepare and submit to the Governor, General Assembly and education community an Agenda for Excellence to implement the objectives of achieving economic growth;

b. Create broad State and local understanding of the need for a well-balanced work force and to create an understanding of the changing skills that are necessary for economic growth;

c. Establish alliances among community, business, labor, government and education leaders to improve education on behalf of economic growth; and

d. Promote policies and actions to improve education that can be pursued by leaders in both the public and private sectors.

5. The Task Force shall submit an Agenda for Excellence by January 31, 1984. This plan should set goals for educational improvement and establish timetables for achieving results and methods for measuring progress. To the extent practicable, the Task Force should consider the budgetary implications of its recommendations and communicate these to the Governor at the earliest possible time in accordance with the State's budget timetable.



APPROVED this *26th* day of *July*, 1983.

Richard R. Roth

Governor

ATTEST:

William C. Hunter

Secretary of State