

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN DELAWARE

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware faces serious challenges to its present educational system; and

WHEREAS, these challenges must be met in a carefully considered and deliberate fashion in order to protect the educational interests and well-being of Delaware's children; and

WHEREAS, sound and continuing knowledge of the progress being made in education and an analysis of the needs for the future is incumbent upon the Governor, as chief executive officer of the State; and

WHEREAS, Delaware is fortunate to have many citizens in both the private and public sectors who are able and willing to contribute positively to the knowledge and understanding of our State's educational system.

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

1. There is hereby established the Governor's Commission on the Future of Education in Delaware.

2. The Commission shall consist of nineteen members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among the membership.

3. The Commission shall consist of two panels, one specifically addressing

the needs of higher education and a second specifically addressing the needs of Kindergarten through Grade 12 education. The Chairperson of the Commission shall also serve as the Chairperson of each panel.

4. The Council is charged with the following responsibilities and duties:

(a) to review generally the status and future of K-12 and higher public education in the State of Delaware;

(b) to assess the prospective impact of declining enrollments, pupil transfers and financial constraints upon the State's educational system, and to recommend steps to be taken by the State to deal with these problems;

(c) to determine the prospective needs of the State's educational system and to make recommendations to enable the State to maintain a quality educational program;

(d) to consider the problem of discipline in Delaware schools and recommend any new approaches it deems appropriate to enhance the abilities of students to learn;

(e) to analyze the current methods of State funding of higher education for their effectiveness, from the perspective of the State, the student and the institution, and to make recommendations for appropriate changes in these methods;

(f) to study the various entities of State government with responsibilities in the field of education to determine if the existing structures are sufficient to meet the needs of the citizens of the State.

5. Each of the following organizations with a direct interest in education shall be invited to name a representative to serve ex officio as a resource to the Commission:

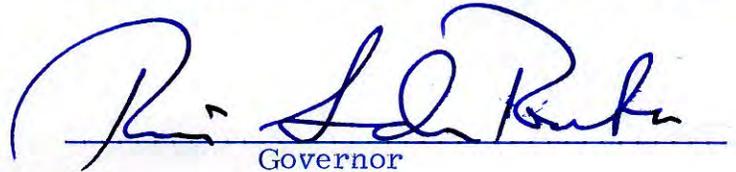
Delaware Association of School Administrators
Delaware School Boards Association
Delaware State Education Association
Delaware Federation of Teachers
Department of Public Instruction
Chief School Officers Association
Delaware State College
Delaware Technical and Community College
University of Delaware
Association of Independent Colleges

6. All State agencies shall cooperate in providing such data and assistance to the Commission as may be necessary, including, but not limited to, reports, projections and personal appearances as requested by the Chairperson.

Upon request of the Chairperson, the Postsecondary Education Commission, the Department of Public Instruction, and such other agencies as specified by the Chairperson, with the approval of the Governor, shall provide such staff and financial and technical assistance to the Commission as approved by the Governor.

7. The Commission shall submit to the Governor a preliminary report of its conclusions and recommendations not later than December 1, 1977, and a final report not later than January 15, 1978.

APPROVED this 29th day of August, 1977.


Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

