



2017 Proposed Legislative Priorities





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Strategic Plan Goal 1: Highest Student Achievement

Proposed Legislation: **Increased Student Achievement**

Intervention Options for Critical Needs Schools

Current Law:
Low performing schools are provided with multiple turnaround options to assist in their critical need areas.

Legislative Change:
Offer districts the option to choose high-impact charters and to provide permanent incentives to high-impact charters.

Incentivize High-Impact Charter Networks

Focus on Serving Disadvantaged Students

SP Strategy 6: Promote High-Quality Educational Choice
SP Strategy 4: Improve Accountability Systems that Promote Institution Improvements



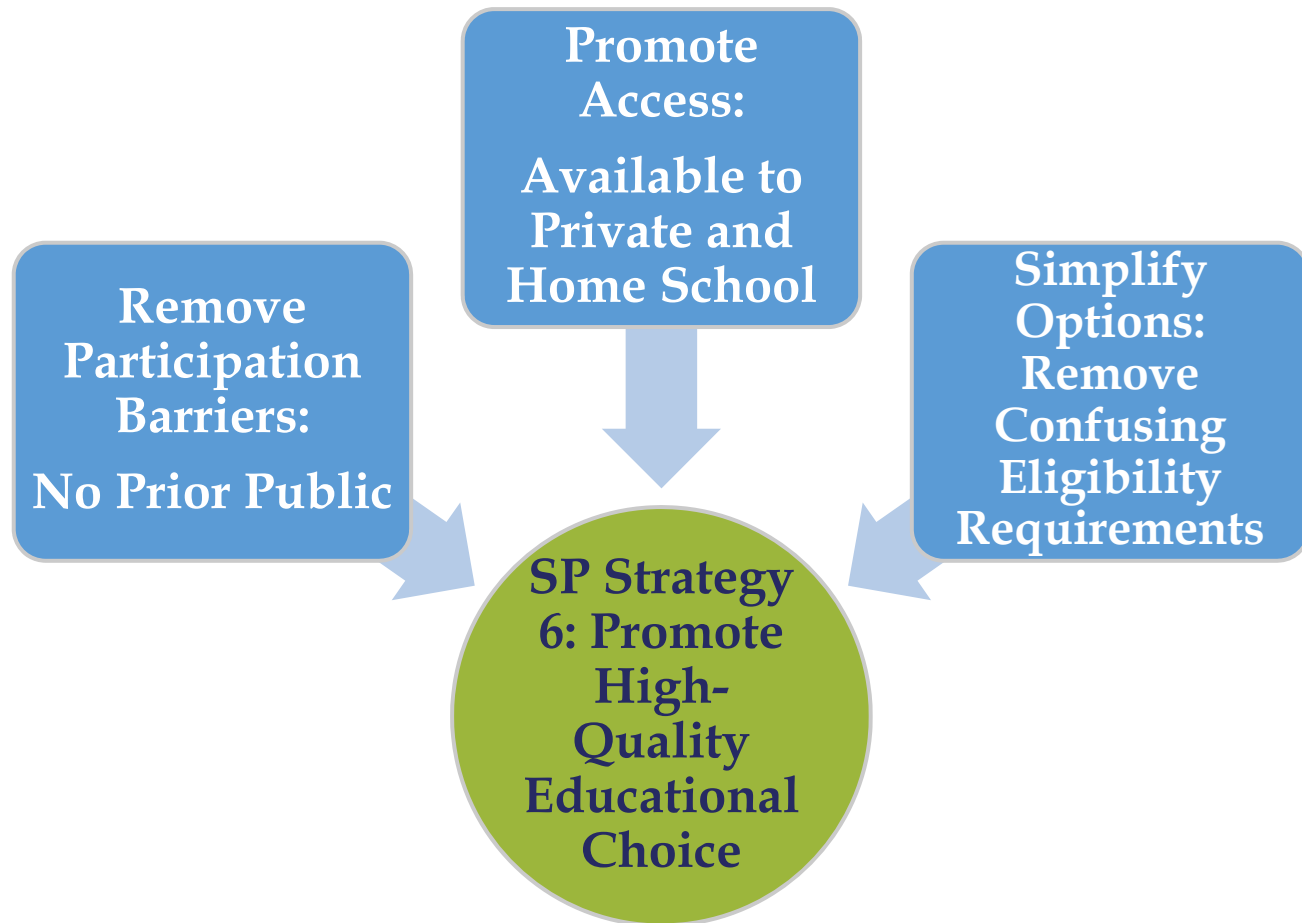
Strategic Plan Goal 2: Seamless Articulation and Maximum Access

Proposed Legislation: **Student Articulation and Access**

Virtual Education Access

Current Law:
*Grades 2-5
have
eligibility
criteria of
prior public
school
enrollment.*

**Legislative
Change:**
*Phase out
eligibility
requirements
that limit
access for
students in
grades 2-5.*



Dual Enrollment Access

Current Law:
Enrollment in grades 6-12, general rulemaking authority, Virtual instruction with individual institutions.

Legislative Change:
Rulemaking authority to set eligibility and clear pathways for dual enrollment. Provide for a statewide articulation agreement for FLVS.

Clearly Define Eligibility

Provide Pathways to Prepare Students for Postsecondary and the Workforce

Allow Statewide Articulation Agreement for Virtual Instruction

SP Strategy 6:
Promote High- Quality Educational Choice

Expand Access to Work Experience

Current Law:
Employers pay for all coverage while participating in work experience.

Legislative Change:
Incentivize more employers to participate by offering coverage for clients while they receive job experience.

Increase Opportunities and Reduce Barriers for VR and DBS Work Experience Clients

**SP Strategy 5:
Improve Effectiveness of and Opportunity for Career Preparation**

Expand Access to Four-Year Teaching Programs

Current Law:
Does not require teacher preparation programs to offer bachelor degree option.

Legislative Change:
Require new and current teacher prep programs to offer bachelor degree programs within their graduate level programs.

Teaching Programs Must Offer Bachelor Programs within their Graduate Level Programs

**SP Strategy 5:
Improve Effectiveness of and Opportunity for Career Preparation**



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Strategic Plan Goal 3: Skilled Workforce and Economic Development

Proposed Legislation: **High-Quality Education Institutions**

High-Quality Education Institutions

Current Law:
Provides for some student protections and institutional Accountability.

Legislative Change:
Increase institutions' accountability to students, provide for increased financial stability, allow for verification and reporting.





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Strategic Plan Goal 4: Quality and Efficient Services

Proposed Legislation: **Education Service Efficiency**

Emergency Needs Coordination

Current Law:
Commissioner has authority to ensure health, safety and welfare of students.

Legislative Change:
Provide the Commissioner additional authority to direct reporting of needs and resources to return to normal operation.

Work with Agency Partners to Direct Resource Needs

Communicate Resource Needs to Regain Operations

**SP Strategy 7:
Strengthen Stakeholder Communication and Partnerships**

Legal Advertising

Current Law:
Districts are required to submit legal notices in newspapers.

Legislative Change:
Authorize the use of electronic posting for legal notice.

Provide for Increased Accessibility

Allow for Electronic Posting

Lower Cost for Alternatives

SP Strategy 8: Increase Quality and Efficiency of Services

Direct Support Organizations (DSO)

*Current Law:
VR and DBS
DSO's will
sunset in Oct.
2016 unless
saved from
repeal.*

*Legislative
Change:
Remove repeal
to allow the
DSO's to
continue to
raise dollars to
provide services
to these
populations.*

**Remove the
Repeal of
Vocational
Rehabilitation
DSO**

**Remove the
Repeal of the
Division of
Blind Services
DSO**

**SP Strategy 5:
Improve
Effectiveness of
and
Opportunity for
Career
Preparation**

Agency Copyright Authority

Current Law:
General authority through Dept. of State.

Legislative Change:
Allow the DOE to directly pursue violators and protect the states property.

Provide Clear Authority over Materials Developed by or for the Department

Ability to Proactively Pursue Violators

SP Strategy 8:
Increase the Quality and Efficiency of Services



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Strategic Plan Goal 4: Quality and Efficient Services

Proposed Legislation : **Capital Outlay Distribution**

Capital Outlay Distribution

Current Law:
PECO funds are allocated to each sector using the percentage of appropriations over 5 years.

Legislative Change:
Revise the formula to use the Sum-of-the-Years Digits.

Revise Formula to Better Reflect the Need

Focus on a Measure of Repair and Maintenance Need

**SP Strategy 8:
Increase the Quality and Efficiency of Services**

2017 Legislative Timeline

Organizational
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November 22nd

Interim
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Dec. – Feb.

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