Public Relations, Advocacy & Legislative Committee

Meeting Notes Tuesday, 2/22/2022

1. Public Relations

 Open to updates and comments from committee members - Recommendations to improve the Bulldog Bulletin; PSAT plan for the next school year will be shared by BHS Interim Principal DeFonce and Dr. Landahl

2. Advocacy

- Updates on advocacy calls with Senator Serino and Assemblymember Jacobson on community-based mental support for students (https://bit.ly/3loirlw) Legislators are receptive to ideas and have received a copy of the recommendations. Jacobson also recommended sharing information with Senate Education Committee Chair Sen. Shelley Mayer. PRAL will also meet with Dutchess County Legislature Minority Leader Valdés Smith and Assistant Minority Leader Atkins to discuss.
- Following the Regents vote on a proposal to eliminate the EdTPA in favor of a performance assessment - PRAL will consider recommendations for other ways to streamline the certification process.
- Sharing advocacy recommendations & statements PRAL will make it a regular practice to share their advocacy with members of the Dutchess County School Boards Association (DCSBA) and the PTOs/PTAs in the district.

3. Legislative

 Senate Bill S7666A - Sponsored by John Liu would require the Board of Regents to be the final decision maker on new charter schools, rather than SUNY.
Currently in the senate floor calendar.

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