

MPaaa Legislative Committee

2008-09 Goals

1. NCLB / Education Yes - Policy and Training:
 - a. Following the November election, Congress will reauthorize NCLB; determine **MPAAA position as appropriate**
 - b. Training will likely follow reauthorization in 2009-10

2. Graduation Rates and related issues – Policy, Advocacy and Training:
 - a. Match Federal guidelines on racial-ethnic codes (difference??)
 - b. Continue to lobby for the **5-year Cohort** calculation
 - c. Significant work was completed by the **GAD** sub-committee in 2008-09; we must continue to watch **audit and documentation requirements**
 - d. Determine how to use **data collected** by the committee re: initial audits

3. Vocational Issues:
 - a. Work with MDE/CTE to determine if issues exist

4. State Reporting - Policy, Advocacy and Training:
 - a. **MSDS Implementation** – Identify issues (implementation timeline, summer training, staff role changes, testing, ISD audit reports, etc.)
 - b. Impact of the recent **Adair** case (CEPI unfunded mandated reporting) on school districts (additional funding, revised requirements, etc.)

5. Truancy - Advocacy and Policy:
 - a. Advocate MPAAA support for **Compulsory Attendance** at age 18
 - b. Support **model policy**; need more work on court relationships and consistency of actions
 - c. Home Schools – develop a position supporting **Michigan Home School registry requirement** (help sort out GAD transfers, truancy, etc.)

6. School Aid - Advocacy and Training:
 - a. **Reporting**: Section 19 – 5/7 weeks between LEA and ISD submissions (change due to LEA directly filing MSDS with CEPI)
 - b. **Schools of Choice**: Section 105 & 105c – Training to educate districts re: process and timelines; advocate for a change re: the “agreement” if district negotiates in good faith and cannot reach agreement, ‘may’ enroll student
 - c. **Adult Education Participants**: Section 107 – change audit requirements to avoid auditing districts / programs that far exceed their state aid capped FTE

7. MDE Issues – Policy, Advocacy and Training:

- a. Change audit cycle to provide flexibility in **single site districts**, supported by risk assessment, conduct desk audit each count and field audit on same building rotation (2 years high school; 4 years middle or elementary school)
- b. **Alternative Education Waivers** – MDE staff has indicated to MPAAA this process and/or approval criteria is going to change in 2008-09; formal standard application, granted for only one year, etc.; to date we have no specifics – will audit requirements change?
- c. **Seat-Time Waivers** – members need more information about requirements; what, if any, are the audit requirements, what are the guidelines