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AGENDA
East Greenwich School Committee
February 5, 2021
Remote Meeting

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5:00 pm Legislative Workshop

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. Introduction**
- IV. Discussion of the RI General Assembly Legislative process**
 - A. Legislative Calendar
 - B. Priority/Agenda setting
 - C. General discussion of how legislation moves through the chambers, and where opportunities exist for SC collaboration and advocacy
- V. 2021 Legislative Priorities**
 - A. Limiting Financial Volatility
 - 1. Funding formula variables
 - a) High-needs student costs
 - (1) Senate Bill No. [90](#) (Adds to the determination of the need to support high-need students the following factor: Whether the student is an English language learner as defined by the department of education's regulations.)

- (2) Senate Bill No. [91](#) (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)
 - b) Other variables
 - (1) House Bill No. [5237](#) (Amends the method of calculating state aid to education for the 2021-2022 school year only.)
 - 2. Out-of-district payments (tuition, services, transportation)
 - a) House Bill No. [5216](#) (Requires charter schools that disenroll or return a student to the sending prior [sic] to the end of an academic year, to return all public [sic] received by the charter school to educate that student for that academic year.)
 - 3. CTE enrollment deadlines and other variables.
- B. Equity and Access
- 1. *House Bill No. [5083](#); Senate Bill No. [86](#) (Provides that feminine hygiene products be provided in all public schools and prisons.)
 - 2. *House Bill No. [5159](#) (Designates physical, occupational, speech, and music therapies and behavioral health services as essential special services to be provided to students with disabilities during times of a declared emergency.)
- C. Expanding counseling and mental health services for students and families
- 1. House Bill No. [5067](#) (Directs that services provided by school social workers and certified school psychologists would be included as health care related services eligible for federal Medicaid reimbursement.)
 - 2. *Senate Bill No. [48](#) (Expands drug awareness programs to high schools, directs funding from certain civil fines and mandates establishment of criteria for funding.)
- D. Field Trips
- 1. House Bill No. [5079](#) (Allows a school district to assess or request a voluntary contribution of money from a student or the student's parent or legal guardian to make a donation, in whole or in part, for the cost of district-sponsored field trips, dances, and clubs.)
- E. Technology and Distance Learning

* Denotes sponsorship by Rep. Caldwell or Sen. Valverde

1. Senate Bill No. [32](#) (Establishes certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school.)

F. Curriculum-related legislation

VI. Discussion of potential process and next steps

VII. Adjournment

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