LEAGUE DAY IN DOVER
Wednesday, March 27, 2013

The Outlook at The Duncan Center: 302-674-3031
500 West Loockerman Street, Dover, 19904

Public Education Trends and Issues
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Delaware

The future of our community, state and nation rests upon the quality of our public education system. Our democracy relies on schools to provide us with informed citizens prepared for adulthood in the community and the world of work. As each of us is a stakeholder in our public educational system, we seek broad participation in 2013 League Day dedicated to key public education issues. The program is designed to inform and to encourage discussion of key Delaware education issues in small groups with invited experts. Join us in this opportunity to learn about trends and issues in Delaware’s public education as we work together for continuing improvement.

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9 AM Registration and refreshments

9 AM Welcome: Carol Jones, President, League of Women Voters of Delaware

Moderator: Charlotte King, Advocacy Corps Chair, will introduce and frame the issues.

9:15 AM Keynote Speaker: The Honorable David P. Sokola, Senator.
Sen. Sokola has chaired the Senate Education Committee for many years and has a broad perspective on our educational system. He is also a member of the Southern Region Education Board, a 17 state consortium, and has served as President of the Legislative Advisory Council of SREB.

Q & A

10:00 AM Workshop A Delaware education trends, including innovations, charters and privatization
Coordinators: Bill O’Connor and Charlotte King, League of Women Voters
Expert: John H. Carwell, Charter School Officer, Delaware Department of Education

10:00 AM Workshop B: Public education funding and equalization issues
Coordinator: William Garfinkel, League of Women Voters
Expert: Mark Dufendach, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Polytech School District

10:00 AM Workshop C: Accountability and transparency at school, district, and state levels
Coordinator: Mickey McKay, Chair, LWVDE Open Government Committee
Experts: Pat Sine, (Retired) University of Delaware, Director, Information Technologies,

Client Support and Services, James E. Hosley, Director, Center for Education Excellence, Caesar Rodney Institute, Dr. Nikky Castle, Senior Advisor, Center for Education Excellence, Caesar Rodney Institute

11:30-12:00 FEEDBACK FROM WORKSHOP REPRESENTATIVES
Closing Statement, Carol Jones for LWVDE

12:15–1:30 BUFFET LUNCH with legislators

VISIT WITH LEGISLATORS AFTER LUNCH
Sandy Spence, Coordinator
Attendees are encouraged to attend legislative committee hearings in Legislative Hall in the afternoon and to meet with their own legislators about high priority issues.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

WORKSHOP PREREGISTRATION – Select one; workshops run concurrently

______Workshop A: Delaware education trends, including innovations, charters and privatization

______Workshop B: Public education funding and equalization issues

______Workshop C: Accountability and transparency at school, district and state levels

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