



May 14, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible work you and your teams have done and continue to do to engage students and provide substantive learning experiences during unprecedented times. As you continue to develop strategies for helping your communities heal and your students accelerate learning during the summer and throughout the 2021-22 academic year, the UPenn Center for School Study Councils wants to support your efforts.

Many of you have already begun planning how to progress student growth and development for the coming school year – how to see and take advantage of the hidden opportunities that have and continue to emerge as we all traverse the repercussions of the dual pandemics: the coronavirus and persistent social injustice.

Several of you have asked that we send membership/tuition invoices for Study Council participation in 2021-2022 now, so that you can pay them from this year's budget. Please note that these invoices include a nominal due increase of \$100 per district which is between 2.6% and 3.6% of dues for members. Dues for associate memberships (assistant superintendents and other central office staff) who seek Act 45 credit remain at 50% of superintendent's regular membership.

The collection of dues will have definitive time frames next year. Current and prospective members are encouraged to submit payment between May 21st and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you will not be able to make payment during the aforementioned window of time, please contact Mary as soon as possible. Those who cannot remit payment during the first phase will have the second phase to secure their membership. November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the second time frame for you to submit payment.

Nest week Mary will be sending you an invoice that delineates your dues amount. As a reminder, the fee structure is based on enrollment. Should there be any questions or concerns about your membership fee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I have already started scheduling planning meetings for the 2021-22 academic year and I look forward to those planning meetings in June and to working with you in the future.

Cordially,

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