



**Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation
Board Meeting Highlights • June 14, 2012**

In actions at their June 14 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved the VICC budget for 2012-2013. The budget projects revenues of \$55,583,800 and expenditures of \$58,774,100, with the difference to be absorbed by available fund balance reserves. These amounts assume student enrollment in September, 2012, of 5,281 students (down from the current year’s enrollment of 5,450), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county school districts will remain at a maximum of \$7,000 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2012-2013 year. Transportation costs are expected to decrease again, reflecting lower enrollment and favorable new bus contracts.

All budget estimates are subject to adjustments as better information regarding actual enrollments and financial matters becomes available.

- Approved a 2.75 percent salary increase for VICC staff for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- Approved all final VICC transportation routes for 2011-2012. A total of 5,272 students were served by the VICC transportation service, with an average ride time (one way) of 53 minutes. In total, VICC buses and cabs traveled about 7.6 million miles during the past school year.

- Approved the officers presented by the Nominating Committee for VICC offices for the 2012-2013 year. They are:

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| Chairperson | Dr. David Knes, Superintendent, Valley Park School District |
| Vice-Chairperson | Dr. Sarah Riss, Superintendent, Webster Groves School District |
| Treasurer | Dr. Bruce Borchers, Superintendent, Rockwood School District |
| Secretary | Mrs. Lisa Gray, VICC |
| Program | Dr. Thomas Williams, Superintendent, Kirkwood School District |
| Budget | Dr. Bruce Borchers, Superintendent, Rockwood School District |
| Transportation | Dr. Kelvin Adams, Superintendent, St. Louis Public Schools |

- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of April, 2012, \$30,634,852.68 was invested as follows: 0.00 percent in U.S. government agencies - MOSIP Fund; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 40.07 percent in FDIC insured funds; 59.93 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements and 0.00 percent in prepaid interest.

- Received a report on VICC’s financial position. Through April, 2012, revenues totaled \$50,229,556.18. Expenditures through the same period totaled \$26,764,463.05.

- Received a report on weighted voting percentages for the VICC Board to be effective in 2012-2013 which are based upon May 23, 2012, enrollments. They are as follows:

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| Affton | 1.8 % | Parkway | 21.7 % |
| Bayless | 2.4 % | Pattonville | 0.2 % |
| Brentwood | 2.2 % | Rockwood | 33.9 % |
| Clayton | 7.4 % | Valley Park | 2.9 % |
| Hancock Place | 4.1 % | Webster Groves | 4.0 % |
| Kirkwood | 5.6 % | Special School | 0.2 % |
| Lindbergh | 2.4 % | St. Louis | 1.8 % |
| Mehlville | 9.6 % | | |

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Minutes of the meeting are available for review at the VICC Office after approval by the Board.

- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of June 4, 2012, VICC had received 3,491 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2012-2013 school year, which is comparable to the 3,306 received at this point last year. With the interest level on the part of city families remaining high, it is encouraging that the number of openings available for 2012-2013 is increasing over recent years. Based on district figures, 667 new spaces have been identified for 2012-2013, slightly more than in the last three years. The actual number of placements could exceed 667 as most districts have indicated a willingness to accept siblings even in grades with zero spaces reported. Consistent with prior years, the vast majority of spaces for new students are at the Kindergarten - second grade level. Student retention has improved greatly at most districts, so fewer “replacement students” are needed at upper grade levels. The recent Turner decision has caused districts to respond in a variety of ways. Some have chosen to increase the number of spaces preferring the known procedures and certainty of payment assured by VICC. Other districts were concerned about being required to accept students without regard to available space and reduced their spaces for VICC transfers. As a net result, the overall trend in VICC enrollment is expected to remain at about a three to five percent annual decline. While county to city (magnet) applications remain at relatively low levels, they are similar to the prior two years. Year-to-date applications for 2012-2013 total 124, compared to 171 and 167 the previous two years. Actual acceptances are comparable and currently total 53 compared to 57 and 55 during the previous two years.

- Received a report which details the special education incidence rates as of January, 2012. The favorable trend that had developed during 2007 and 2008 (which was interrupted by an increase in 2009) stabilized as incidence rates decreased slightly in six of 13 individual districts and remained the same for the overall program, at 21.7 percent in January, 2012, which is the same as the rate reported last January. The current rate is significantly below the peak rate of 26.5 percent in January, 2006.

- Future Meetings for 2012-2013 are as follows:

- 10 a.m. Friday, September 14, 2012 at the VICC offices

- 10 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2012 at the VICC offices

- 10 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 at Lindenwood University

- 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2013 at Lindenwood University

- 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 13, 2013 at the Urban League, 3701 Grandel Square

The meetings marked Lindenwood University will be held in the Spellman Center, Leadership Center Conference Room at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, **prior to** the CSD Superintendents’ Roundtable meeting. Those marked VICC will be held in the Conference Room at the VICC Office, 7425 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 110. Agendas will be available at the VICC Office one week prior to the meeting. Interested parties are welcome to attend, and those who wish to address the board are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting.