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# VICC



## **Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • October 8, 2021**

In actions at their October 8 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved minutes of the June 11, 2021 VICC Board regular meeting.
- Approved all preliminary 2021/22 routes for transporting students to and from school. VICC expects to transport about 3,318 students using 166 buses and 95 taxis. This represents a decrease in both bus and taxi routes from 2020/21 due to the combined effect of decreased overall enrollment, combining certain elementary routes, placing students in higher capacity taxis and a number of out of area students who could not be placed in area.
- Approved submission of the 2022 MUSIC Renewal Questionnaire. VICC has purchased its property, liability and workers' compensation insurance through the self-insured MUSIC pool since 1999. Board approval of the completed Renewal Questionnaire is a requirement of the pool.
  - Approved the filing of VICC's IRS Form 990 for the year ending June 30, 2021.
  - Approved Tami Webb becoming a VICC employee effective November 1, 2021, thereby reducing transportation management fees due to reduced cost related to Tami's salary and benefits.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of August, 2021, \$10,787,244.69 was invested as follows: 42.27% in US Government Agencies - MOSIP Fund and 57.73 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed reports on VICC's financial position:
  - For the 2020/21 fiscal year, revenues totaled \$41,972,573.01 while 2020/21 final expenditures were \$32,539,536.34. When combined with a beginning of the year fund balance of \$3.9 million, the net effect of these variances resulted in a \$12.6 million fund balance at year-end. This is important for VICC's long-range projections which count upon the availability of fund balances in later years to help maintain per pupil funding at certain minimum levels.
  - For 2020/21, \$6,271,036.85 in revenues were received during August, the second month of the 2021/22 fiscal year. Expenditures for that period were \$468,099.71.
- Received an update on COVID-19 and the CDC "Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools".
- Received a report on the status of applications to date. Districts were allocated 175 spaces for the 2021/22 school year with an emphasis on siblings. There were 178 actual placements. The number of applications received -- 330 -- declined from previous years due to targeted recruitment based on remaining availability after sibling applications had been received. Actual enrollment of city transfer students for 2021/22 is 3,105, as of September 30. In comparison, county to city (magnet) applications were limited to siblings and therefore were somewhat low compared prior years. For 2021/22 year-to date applications total 14, compared to 15 and 26 in 2020/21 and 2019/20, respectively. New acceptances to date of 13 for 2021/22 up from 12 in 2020/21, decreasing county enrollment to 85 from 124 last year.
- Discussed the targeted spaces for 2022/23 which will be due by November 8, 2021. The total allocated spaces for 2022/23 is limited to 150.
- Discussed a schedule of tentative agenda items planned for each of the meetings scheduled for 2021/22.

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- Received a report on the 2020/21 student attendance study. Mostly due to COVID, the overall average student transfer attendance rate decreased to 88.71% overall (down 4.76% from 93.47% last year).
- Future Meetings for 2021/22 are as follows:
  - 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2022 at Education Plus Offices
  - 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2022 at Education Plus Offices
  - 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 9, 2022 at the Urban League

The Education Plus meetings will be held at 1460 Craig Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141. The Urban League meeting will be held at 3701 Grandel Square. Agendas will be available by request 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.