



**Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation
Board Meeting Highlights • June 18, 2010**

In actions at their June 18 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved the VICC budget for 2010-2011. The budget projects revenues of \$66,392,300 and expenditures of \$66,523,400, with the difference to be absorbed by available fund balance reserves. These amounts assume student enrollment in September, 2010, of 5,887 students (down from the current year’s enrollment of 6,147), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county school districts will decrease from the cap of \$9,100 for 2009-2010 to a maximum of \$7,500 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2010-2011 year. Transportation costs are expected to again decrease, reflecting lower enrollment, favorable new bus contracts plus savings as Highway 40/I-64 construction was completed on time.

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

- Approved a three percent salary increase for VICC staff for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- Approved all final VICC transportation routes for 2009-2010. A total of 6,024 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 7.8 million miles during the past school year.
- Approved the officers presented by the Nominating Committee for VICC offices for the 2010-2011 year. They are:

Chairperson	Mr. John Cary, Superintendent, Special School District
Vice-Chairperson	Dr. Charles Penberthy, Superintendent, Brentwood School District
Treasurer	Dr. David Knes, Superintendent, Valley Park School District
Secretary	Mrs. Lisa Gray, VICC

- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of May, 2010, \$35,903,406 was invested as follows: 1.14 percent in U.S. government agencies; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 42.35 percent in FDIC insured funds; 56.51 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements and 0.00 percent in prepaid interest.

- Received a report on VICC’s financial position. Through May, 2010, revenues totaled \$70,385,616. Expenditures through the same period totaled \$37,142,558.

- Received a report on weighted voting percentages for the VICC Board to be effective in 2010-2010 which are based upon May 18, 2010, enrollments. They are as follows:

Afton	1.7 %	Parkway	22.3 %
Bayless	1.7 %	Pattonville	0.7 %
Brentwood	1.9 %	Ritenour	0.0 %
Clayton	7.1 %	Rockwood	29.7 %
Hancock Place	4.5 %	Valley Park	2.4 %
Kirkwood	6.3 %	Webster Groves	4.3 %
Ladue	0.0 %	Special School	0.3 %
Lindbergh	3.4 %	St. Louis	2.8 %
Mehlville	10.9 %		

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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 8, 2010, VICC had received 3,010 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2010-2011 school year, which is comparable to the 3,033 received at this point last year. While the interest level on the part of city families remains high, the number of openings available for 2010-2011 remain consistent with the reduced new enrollments of the prior two years. Based on district figures, about 550 new spaces will be available for 2010-2011, about the same number as in the last two years but less than half the new spaces available in earlier years. The vast majority of spaces for new students are at the Kindergarten - second grade level (74 percent). One reason for this decline in spaces is that student retention has improved greatly at most districts, so fewer “replacement students” are needed at upper grade levels. As a net result, the overall trend in VICC enrollment is expected to remain at about a five to seven percent annual decline. While county to city (magnet) applications remain at relatively low levels, they have increased slightly from last year due to increased recruiting efforts including targeted mailings. Year-to-date applications for 2010-2011 total 168, compared to 140 and 110 the previous two years. Actual acceptances, however, are down and currently total 56 compared to 94 and 49 during the previous two years.

- Received a report on the History/Analysis of Reasons for Withdrawal from the Transfer Program. Data from the last four school years show that total withdrawals of students range from less than three and one-half to just over five and one-half percent of September enrollments. Of the total withdrawals for each year, over half of them are for legally mandated reasons -- that is the students are no longer eligible to participate in the program because they have moved either to a county district or out of the metropolitan area. The number of students who indicated “returning to St. Louis Public Schools” as their reason for no longer participating in the transfer program rarely exceed one percentage point. For the last four years, this percentage has been consistently declining and for the just completed school year represents only 0.24 percent of the September enrollment. Additionally, over the last four years, the total number of program withdrawals as a percentage of September enrollment has also continually declined.

- Received the 2008-2009 Student Attendance Analysis/Recommendations. For the sixth straight year, the overall average transfer student attendance rate continued a trend of annual increases and now stands at 92.72 percent overall, higher than that of the students’ neighborhood schools in the city, and just a few percentage points lower than the overall state attendance average. Grade point average, school district of attendance and age of the student continue to be the three factors having the strongest correlation with attendance rates. The attendance data is highly consistent between years in almost every aspect.

- Future Meetings for 2010-2011 are as follows:

- 1:30 p.m.** Friday, September 17, 2010 at CSD
- 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 19, 2010 at the VICC offices
- 1:30 p.m.** Friday, February 11, 2011 at CSD
- 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2011 at the VICC offices
- 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2011 at the VICC offices

The meetings marked CSD will be held at the Cooperating School District offices, 1460 Craig Road, **immediately following** the Superintendents’ Roundtable meetings. 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.