

**Down County Consortium Sub-Committee Report  
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The DCC Committee, which is composed of the cluster coordinators from the 5 Downcounty Consortium clusters—Blair, Einstein, Northwood, Kennedy and Wheaton, met on September 29 at Wheaton High School. We welcomed staff from the Office of School Performance including Bronda Mills, Community Superintendent for Blair, Einstein, Kennedy, and Northwood, Frank Stetson, Community Superintendent for BCC, Walter Johnson, Wheaton and Whitman, and Directors of School Performance, Myra Smith, Shawn Joseph, and Denise Greene. Also in attendance was Jeannie Franklin, Director of the Consortia Office. We discussed school achievement as measured by AYP, especially the calculation rates which has some special impacts for consortium schools. We discussed our advocacy priorities for this year, which include: maintaining academic support to maintain the success of our schools in achieving AYP and high academic standards, continuing support for academy programs and middle school reform efforts and continuing emphasis on communication with non-English speaking families. The past DCC coordinator, Sally Taber, will address these issues in her testimony at the BOE Community Forum at Kennedy HS on October 17.

The next committee meeting is being scheduled in December so that we can focus our advocacy on the operating budget in January.