

Legislative Council Study Committee on Shared Services

Request for Additional Information

1. Identify any barriers to the successful implementation of shared services by your school districts (*examples could include – statutory barriers, financial uncertainty, community relationships*)?
 - a. Geographics
 - b. Scheduling/Calendars
 - c. Timing of needs
 - d. Willingness of others to cooperate with us

2. In your experience, have you tried to share services that proved not to be beneficial, if so please explain?
 - a. Teacher Shares - geographics and scheduling and WI winter weather made the sharing difficult; in another instance the FTE need changed in another district after two years of sharing which meant that the position could no longer be shared; in a third situation the shared individual did not want to work in two districts, wanted a single district and left to go when a full-time position in a neighboring district (with no travel/sharing) became available
 - b. Transportation - districts not willing to pay their share of costs

3. Can you identify any solutions that could address barriers to or incentivize greater use of shared services?
 - a. Incentive-based i.e. Greater monetary award for districts to fund this for both/fiscal agent; or money for the employee directly from the state for being a shared employee
 - b.

4. Provide examples of barriers that currently prevent school districts from moving forward with consolidation?
 - a. funding for financial study and and population study
 - b. aid formula
 - c. timelines
 - d. board member reduction statute
 - e. No capability of K12 moving to UHS System
 - f. reporting/accountability report cards

5. In what ways could the state incentivize school district consolidation:
 - a. Money for fiscal consolidation study (and) population study (approximate cost in 2016 was \$10,000 and \$2,500, respectively)
 - b. Consolidation Aid Calculation
 - i. based on pupil numbers
 - ii. categorical aide (not within the revenue limit)

- iii. approximately \$500 - \$700 / student
- c. Look at ways to incentivize shared services, because consolidation is not the answer in all cases. I think the capability of allowing shared services and K12 > UHS systems would be beneficial