

Assignments

EDU 5103 Educational Governance and Policy Issues Spring 2013 Dr. D'Ambrosio

1. Bring to Class 2/8:

- copy of organizational chart for your district
- copy of district code of ethics
- copy of a Board of Education Policy from the Community Relations Section such as
 - Public complaints, School volunteers,
 - New policies approved within the last two years
 - DASA information/policy

2. Interview an Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent. Include in the discussion :

- Number of years in the position, previous experience, relationship w/school board.
- For discussion formulate approximately 5 questions:
- Policy development procedure.
- New policies approved during the last 3 years.
- Pros and Cons of new policy
- Issues in developing the policy
- Recommendations to garner support for the new policy (New APPR, DASA, etc.)

3. Who Will Censure This Board ? Q &A (Hand Out)

4. Research Project /Paper/Presentation: Governance Team Initiative

Choose one of the following topics: You may work in pairs. Presentation may be presented as a team. Paper must be submitted individually.

- School Closing
- Re-districting /Reconfiguration of the district's schools
- Consolidation /merger of two or more districts
- Students being recommended to special education is increasing. Student performance for this population is impacting district test scores and now teacher evaluation reviews.
- School/district on SURR
- Low graduation rates (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/press.html>.)
- Modification of district bus transportation
- Other options with permission from the professor.

Guidelines for Research Paper and Presentation

Guidelines for the research paper/presentation on the topics for **Governance Team Initiative**

You are the Superintendent working with the BOE on the targeted initiative. Either the board or the superintendent has brought the issue forward for discussion and action. The research project must present the working effort of the governance team on proposing the initiative and its implementation.

- The Problem- reason for the anticipated change or need for action
- The Purpose- Cite education law, commissioner's regulations, school district policy or state/federal regulations involved in the problem
- The Methodology- strategies for involving staff, parents, community, strategies for communicating the initiative to staff, students, parents, community
- Data collection and analysis- what data, (Data Points, Scope School Atlas, your own district's longitudinal data, NYS websites)
- Outline who will be responsible for component parts of the plan.
- Strategies for monitoring the progress/evaluation

The PowerPoint presentation should be no more than 15 slides outlining the key areas of the research. Cite references, theorists and use APA format. This is due the last Sunday of class. The paper is due 3/22/13 via email to dambrosc@stjohns.edu.