

WEIGHTS FOR FTE FUNDING FORMULA

FY 2010

FY 2010-AMENDMENT #1 (REDUCTIONS)

0% Salary
 9.74% Retirement
 17.3630% Health
 System Size = 3300

CATEGORY	Kindergarten PGM	Kindergarten Early Intervention PGM	Primary Grades (1-3) PGM	Primary Grades Early Intervention (1-3) PGM	Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) PGM
TEACHER STUDENT RATIO	15	11	17	11	28
WEIGHT	1.6585	2.0493	1.2854	1.8026	1.0323
DIRECT INSTR. COST:					
Teacher	64.3004%	70.9615%	73.2015%	80.6698%	67.3715%
Aides/Parapro	17.8612%	14.4551%			
Subject Specialists					
Counselors	2.0803%	1.6836%	2.6841%	1.9140%	3.3422%
Tech. Specialist	0.8737%	0.7071%	1.1273%	0.8039%	1.4037%
OPERATIONS COST	1.4039%	1.1362%	2.0350%	1.4511%	1.9776%
INDIRECT INSTR. COST:					
CENTRAL ADMIN					
Psychologist	0.3883%	0.3143%	0.5010%	0.3573%	0.6239%
Social Worker	0.3883%	0.3143%	0.5010%	0.3573%	0.6239%
Spec Ed Leadership					
Operations	0.3443%	0.2786%	0.4442%	0.3167%	0.5531%
SCHOOL ADMIN					
Asst. Principal	1.0679%	0.8643%	1.3778%	0.9825%	1.7157%
Secretary	0.7729%	0.6255%	0.9872%	0.7110%	1.2416%
Operations	0.1754%	0.1419%	0.2263%	0.1613%	0.2818%
FACILITY M & O	6.6660%	5.3948%	8.6006%	6.1329%	10.7094%
20 Days Addtl. Instr.	0.6467%	0.5234%	0.8344%	0.5950%	1.0390%
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.5523%	0.5938%	0.6650%	0.6650%	0.6436%
MEDIA					
Personnel	2.1388%	1.7285%	2.7557%	1.9650%	3.4313%
Materials	0.3425%	0.2772%	0.4419%	0.3151%	0.5502%
TOTAL PER FTE COST	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%

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CATEGORY	Upper Elementary EI Grades (4-5) PGM	Middle Grades (6-8) PGM	Middle School PGM (6-8)	***Base*** Grade 9-12	Vocational Lab PGM (9-12)
TEACHER STUDENT RATIO	11	23	20	23	20
WEIGHT	1.7969	1.0161	1.1213	1.0000	1.1847
DIRECT INSTR. COST:					
Teacher	80.9277%	68.4432%	71.3298%	69.5482%	67.5086%
Aides/Parapro					
Subject Specialists	2.5803%	4.5629%	4.1351%	3.9651%	3.3637%
Counselors	1.9201%	2.5140%	2.2783%	1.4491%	1.2231%
Tech. Specialist	0.8064%	1.4261%	1.2923%	1.4491%	1.2231%
OPERATIONS COST:					
INDIRECT INSTR. COST:					
CENTRAL ADMIN					
Psychologist	0.3584%	0.6338%	0.5744%	0.6440%	0.5436%
Social Worker	0.3584%	0.6338%	0.5744%	0.6440%	0.5436%
Spec Ed Leadership	0.3177%	0.5619%	0.5092%	0.5709%	0.4819%
SCHOOL ADMIN					
Asst. Principal	0.9856%	2.5140%	2.2783%	3.2869%	2.7744%
Secretary	0.7133%	0.9094%	0.8242%	1.0903%	0.9203%
Operations	0.1619%	0.2212%	0.2005%	0.2530%	0.2136%
FACILITY M & O	6.1525%	10.8798%	9.8597%	11.0554%	9.3315%
20 Days Addnl. Instr.	0.5969%	1.0555%	0.9665%	1.0725%	0.9053%
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.6972%	0.6455%	0.6571%	0.6299%	0.6000%
MEDIA					
Personnel	1.9713%	2.5140%	2.2783%	1.6435%	1.3872%
Materials	0.3161%	0.4757%	0.4311%	0.4834%	0.4080%
TOTAL PER FTE COST	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%

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CATEGORY	Spec. Ed I	Spec. Ed II	Spec. Ed III	Spec. Ed IV	Spec. Ed V
TEACHER STUDENT RATIO	8	6.50	5	3	8
WEIGHT	2,3936	2,8150	3,5860	5,8163	2,4590
DIRECT INSTR. COST:					
Teacher	83.5340%	87.4217%	89.2129%	91.6731%	81.3471%
Aides/Parapro					
Subject Specialists					
Counselors					
Tech. Specialist	0.6054%	0.5148%	0.4041%	0.2491%	0.5895%
OPERATIONS COST	\$39.06	\$39.06	\$39.06	\$39.06	\$39.06
INDIRECT INSTR. COST:					
CENTRAL ADMIN					
Psychologist	0.2691%	0.2288%	0.1795%	0.1107%	0.2620%
Social Worker	0.2691%	0.2288%	0.1795%	0.1107%	0.2620%
Spec Ed Leadership	3.3298%	2.8913%	2.2226%	1.3703%	3.2426%
Operations	0.2385%	0.2028%	0.1592%	0.0982%	0.2323%
SCHOOL ADMIN					
Asst. Principal	1.0672%	0.9075%	0.7124%	0.4392%	1.0393%
Secretary	0.3861%	0.3283%	0.2577%	0.1589%	0.3760%
Operations	0.0939%	0.0799%	0.0627%	0.0387%	0.0915%
FACILITY M & O	4.6187%	3.9273%	3.0829%	1.9008%	4.4877%
20 Days Addnl. Instr.					
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.6990%	0.7214%	0.7258%	0.7318%	0.6807%
MEDIA					
Personnel	1.0672%	0.9075%	0.7124%	0.4392%	1.0393%
Materials	0.2019%	0.1717%	0.1348%	0.0831%	0.1967%
TOTAL PER FTE COST	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%

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CATEGORY	Gifted	Remedial Education PGM	Alternative Education PGM	Eng. For Speakers of Other Lang.(ESOL) PGM
TEACHER STUDENT RATIO	12	15	15	7
WEIGHT	1.6670	1.3127	1.6023	2.5301
DIRECT INSTR. COST:				
Teacher	79.9621%	81.2400%	66.5548%	90.3177%
Aides/Parapro				
Subject Specialists				
Counselors				
Tech. Specialist	0.8692%	1.1039%	0.9044%	0.5727%
OPERATIONS COST	\$39.06	\$39.06	\$39.06	\$39.06
INDIRECT INSTR. COST:	\$65.51	\$42.05	\$55.03	\$42.05
CENTRAL ADMIN				
Psychologist	0.3863%	0.4906%	0.4019%	0.2545%
Social Worker	0.3863%	0.4906%	0.4019%	0.2545%
Spec Ed Leadership	4.7811%			
Operations	0.3425%	0.4350%	0.3563%	0.2257%
SCHOOL ADMIN				
Asst. Principal	1.5324%	1.9461%	9.9486%	1.0097%
Secretary	0.5544%	0.7040%	0.5768%	0.3653%
Operations	0.1349%	0.1713%	0.1403%	0.0889%
FACILITY M & O	6.6317%	8.4222%	6.8997%	4.3695%
20 Days Addtl. Instr.				
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.6937%	0.6763%	0.6965%	0.7242%
MEDIA				
Personnel	1.5324%	1.9461%	1.5944%	1.0097%
Materials	0.2900%	0.3683%	0.3017%	0.1911%
TOTAL PER FTE COST	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%

WEIGHTS FOR SALARY & OPERATIONS

BASE INSTRUCTION SALARY			
	Amount	Per FTE	
(BASE SALARY)	\$33,424.00	\$33,424.00	\$0.00
Retirement	9.74%	\$3,255.50	
Health Insurance	17.3630%	\$5,803.41	
Medicare	1.45%	\$484.65	
Sick Leave for 8 Days		\$150.00	
Total Instructional Sal(10MO.)	\$43,117.56		
Teacher Aides	\$14,372.52		
ADMIN SALARY (10MO.) excl Sick Leave	\$42,957.56		
ADMIN SALARY (12MO.) excl Sick Leave	\$51,561		
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$50,796	\$15.39	

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM SIZE = 3300			
	Amount	FTEs	
1 Superintendent	\$51,561		
1 Secretary @ \$14,166 (12MO.)	\$15,546		
1 Accountant @ \$21,144 (10MO.)	\$23,203		
2 Asst. Superintendent	\$103,122	0 - 5,000	
4 Asst. Superintendent	\$206,244	5,001- 99,999	
6 Asst. Superintendent	\$309,366	10,000 +	
Operations	\$7,818	Per FTE	
Supplies	\$7,818		
Travel	\$6,075		
Equipment (Replacement)	\$2,221		
Miscellaneous	\$2,111		
Unemployment Ins & Workers Comp.	\$32,571		
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$50,796	\$15.39	

KG, KG-EI, GR 1-3, GR 1-3-EI, GR 4-5, GR 4-5-EI BASE SCHOOL SIZE = 450			
	Amount	Per FTE	
1/2 Assistant Principal (10MO.)	\$21,484	\$47.74	
Secretary @ \$14,166 (12MO.)	\$15,546	\$34.55	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$37,030	\$82.29	
Operations			
Supplies	\$1,319		
Travel	\$750		
Equipment (Replacement)	\$680		
Miscellaneous	\$580		
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$3,529	\$7.84	

MIDDLE GRADE & MIDDLE SCHOOL GR(6-8), SPEC-ED, GIFTED, REMEDIAL, ESOL BASE SCHOOL SIZE = 624			
	Amount	Per FTE	
1 Asst. Principal	\$42,968	\$68.86	
Secretary @ \$14,166 (12MO.)	\$15,546	\$24.91	
Operations			
Supplies	\$1,319		
Travel	\$1,000		
Equipment (Replacement)	\$680		
Miscellaneous	\$580		
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$3,779	\$6.06	

GRADES (9-12) & VOCATIONAL LAB BASE SCHOOL SIZE = 970			
	Amount	Per FTE	
2 Asst. Principal (10 MO.)	\$85,935	\$44.30	
Secretary @ \$14,166 (12MO.)	\$15,546	\$16.03	
Secretary @ \$11,805 (10MO.)	\$12,955	\$13.36	
Operations			
Supplies	\$2,198		
Travel	\$1,500		
Equipment (Replacement)	\$1,759		
Miscellaneous	\$1,162		
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$6,619	\$6.82	

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION BASE SCHOOL SIZE = 624			
	Amount	Per FTE	
1 Asst. Principal (10MO, X 1:100)	\$42,968	\$429.68	
Secretary @ \$14,166 (12MO.)	\$15,546	\$24.91	
Operations			
Supplies	\$1,319		
Travel	\$1,000		
Equipment (Replacement)	\$680		
Miscellaneous	\$580		
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$3,779	\$6.06	

FY 2010

DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONAL COSTS

FY 2010-AMENDMENT #1 (REDUCTIONS)

CATEGORY	KG	KG EARLY	PRIMARY GRADES(1-3)	PRIMARY GRADES	UPPER ELEMENTARY	UPPER ELEMEN. EI	(6-8)MIDDLE GRADES	(6-8)MIDDLE SCHOOL	9-12 HIGH SCHOOL	VOCATIONAL LABS
Consumable Materials	40.16	40.16	33.21	33.21	26.51	26.51	26.51	26.51	35.91	140.60
Textbooks(7yr. Replace)	15.47	15.47	33.26	33.26	24.48	24.48	24.48	24.48	40.26	9.56
Travel	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	26.32
Equipment Replacement	6.20	6.20	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	136.33
Non Vocational Lab Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
TOTAL	62.76	62.76	70.51	70.51	55.03	55.03	55.03	55.03	98.21	312.81
Media Books/Periodicals	15.31	15.31	15.31	15.31	15.31	15.31	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03

CATEGORY	REMEDIAL	ALTERNATIVE	ESOL	Spec.Ed I	Spec.Ed II	Spec.Ed III	Spec. Ed IV	Spec. Ed V	GIFTED
Consumable Materials	32	26.51	32	149.48	38.88	51.06	220.45	220.45	53.27
Textbooks(7yr. Replace)	6.10	24.48	6.10	42.26	18.34	14.82	33.30	33.30	7.53
Travel	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93
Equipment Replacement	3.02	3.11	3.02	40.90	57.81	122	152.35	152.35	23.78
Non Vocational Lab Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	42.05	55.03	42.05	233.57	115.96	188.81	407.03	407.03	85.51
Media Books/Periodicals	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03	13.03

Georgia Department of Education
2009-2010 Residential Facility State Grant Recommended Awards and
Funding History

District	Residential Treatment Facility	FY 08 Grant Awards	FY 09 Grant Amounts	FY 10 Total Recommendations
		FY 08 Total Grant Award (Direct & Indirect Costs)	FY 09 Total Grant Award (Direct & Indirect Costs)	FY 10 Total Recommended Grant Award (Direct Instruction Only)
Appling County Schools	Baxley Wilderness Academy	\$250,623	\$191,124	\$37,655
Atlanta Public Schools	The Bridge	\$144,398	\$316,689	\$56,187
Atlanta Public Schools****	Hillside, Inc. (Conant School)	\$507,568	\$561,401	\$275,142
Atlanta Public Schools****	Baker's Ferry	\$60,516	Did not apply	Not Eligible
Baldwin County Schools**	Project Adventure, Inc.	\$30,760	\$38,028	Closed 8/21/2009
Bibb County Schools	Macon Behavioral Health Center	\$53,235	\$231,674	\$475,048
Bibb County Schools	The Methodist Home of the South Georgia Conference, Inc./Price Education Center	\$72,764	\$5,322	\$39,375
Bleckley County Schools	Middle Georgia Wilderness Institute	\$233,927	\$277,213	\$66,647
Carroll County Schools**	KidsPeace	Not eligible	Not eligible	\$234,160
Chatham County Schools	Bethesda Home for Boys	Did not apply	Did not apply	Revised Grant Funds
Chatham County Schools	Coastal Harbor Treatment	\$5,734	\$0	\$63,767
Cobb County Schools	The Devereaux Georgia Treatment Network	\$367,155	\$128,050	\$508,178
Peach County Schools	Laurel Heights	\$21,409	\$13,492	\$101,219
Douglas County Schools	Inner Harbor	\$223,585	\$717,684	\$492,377
Dublin City School	Community Hope Center, Inc.	\$105,376	\$159,446	\$84,820
Early County Schools**	ETN Eckerd Youth	\$175,399	\$85,892	Closed 3/28/09
Fulton County Schools	Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministry - Palmetto	\$183,873	\$177,368	\$72,031
Glynn County Schools	Morning Star Treatment Services	\$197,512	\$34,392	\$364,179
Gordon County Schools	Downing Clark Academy, Inc	\$128,901	\$195,315	\$149,808
Marbleton City Schools	Hartmann Center	\$105,045	\$39,868	\$32,901
Maricopa City Schools	The Nelson L. Price Treatment Center of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries	\$234,594	\$151,178	\$7,128
Mertwether County Schools	Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center	\$122,400	\$81,387	\$5,073
Muscogee County Schools****	Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home	\$8,653	\$93,495	\$0
Newton County Schools	Project Adventure, Inc., Cowington Campus	\$45,344	\$9,502	\$63,872
Polk County Schools	Murphy-Harpst	\$32,801	\$17,482	\$145,011
Richmond County Schools	Lighthouse Care Center	\$32,164	\$7,792	\$55,117
Richmond County Schools	WestCare-Augusta A & D	\$82,231	\$58,612	\$23,259
Taylor County Schools	Alternative Youth Services, Inc dba Georgia Center	\$43,107	\$31,922	\$289,049
Troup County Schools	Adult Academy - Bradford Center, a campus of Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc.	\$100,553	\$186,343	\$69,941
Totals		\$3,571,627	\$3,810,673	\$3,711,944

Notes

FY 08 and FY 09 Grant Awards
These awards were determined by a budget method resulted in disproportionate award submitted by the Residential Facility. This amounts based on the number of eligible children served. These awards included full funding for requested and approved direct educational costs and a per pupil allocation for requested and approved indirect educational costs for remaining grant funds.

FY 10 Grant Awards
These awards are awarded on a formula based upon the 2010 Quality Basic Education (QBE) allocation for each facility. This formula takes into account educational services for children with higher needs which result in higher educational costs. This method is only able to fund direct educational costs.

State Board Rule 160-5-2-.06 RESIDENTIAL FACILITY GRANT requires that priority be given to funding direct educational costs.

Direct Educational Costs are those costs addressed in State Board Rule 160-5-1-.59 MINIMUM DIRECT CLASSROOM EXPENDITURES and include expenditures for activities directly associated with the interaction between teachers and students. This includes, but is not limited to, salaries and benefits for teachers and paraprofessionals; costs for instructional materials and supplies; and costs associated with classroom-related activities.

** Facilities closed during the 2009 school year.
*** Residential Facility Functions as a Program in Muscogee County, Muscogee County provides all direct instruction costs.
**** Received no QBE allocation as FTE not reported for October 2008

Georgia Department of Education
2009-2010 Residential Facility State Grant Recommended Awards and
Funding History

District	Residential Treatment Facility	FY 08 Grant Awards Award (Direct & Indirect Costs)	FY 09 Grant Amounts (Direct & Indirect Costs)	FY 10 Total Recommended Grant Award (Direct Instruction only)	Notes
Appling County Schools	Baxley Wilderness Academy	\$250,623	\$191,124	\$37,655	FY 08 and FY 09 Grant Awards These awards were determined by a budget submitted by the Residential Facility. This method resulted in disproportionate award amounts based on the number of eligible children served. These awards included full funding for requested and approved direct educational costs and a per pupil allocation for requested and approved indirect educational costs for remaining grant funds.
Atlanta Public Schools	The Bridge Hillside, Inc. (Conant School)	\$144,398	\$316,689	\$56,187	
Atlanta Public Schools****	Baker's Ferry	\$60,516	Did not apply	Not Eligible	
Baldwin County Schools***	Project Adventure, Inc.	\$30,760	\$38,028	Closed 8/31/2009	
Baldwin County Schools	Macon Behavioral Health Center	\$53,235	\$231,674	\$475,048	
Bibb County Schools	The Methodist Home of the South Georgia Conference, Inc./Price Education Center	\$72,764	\$5,322	\$39,375	
Blount County Schools	Middle Georgia Wilderness Institute	\$235,937	\$277,215	\$66,647	
Carroll County Schools*	KidsPeace	Not eligible	Not eligible	\$234,160	FY 10 Grant Awards These awards are awarded on a formula based upon the 2010 Quality Basic Education (QBE) allocation for each facility.
Chatahoochee County Schools	Bethesda Home for Boys	Did not apply	Did not apply	Declined Grant Funds	
Chatahoochee County Schools	Coastal Harbor Treatment	\$5,734	\$0	\$63,767	This formula takes into account educational services for children with higher needs which result in higher educational costs. This method is only able to fund direct educational costs.
Cobb County Schools	The Devereaux Georgia Treatment Network	\$367,155	\$128,050	\$504,178	
DeKalb County Schools	Laurel Heights	\$21,409	\$13,492	\$101,219	
Douglas County Schools	Inner Harbor	\$223,585	\$717,684	\$492,377	
Dublin City School	Community Hope Center, Inc.	\$105,376	\$159,446	\$84,820	
Early County Schools**	ETN Eckerd Youth	\$175,399	\$85,892	Closed 3/2009	
Fulton County Schools	Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministry - Palmetto	\$183,873	\$177,368	\$72,031	State Board Rule 160-5-2-.06 RESIDENTIAL FACILITY GRANT requires that priority be given to funding direct educational costs.
Glynn County Schools	Morning Star Treatment Services	\$197,512	\$34,392	\$364,179	Direct Educational Costs are those costs addressed in State Board Rule 160-5-1-.59 MINIMUM DIRECT CLASSROOM EXPENDITURES and include expenditures for activities directly associated with the interaction between teachers and students. This includes, but is not limited to, salaries and benefits for teachers and paraprofessionals; costs for instructional materials and supplies; and costs associated with classroom-related activities.
Gwinnett County Schools	Dawning Clark Academy, Inc	\$128,901	\$195,315	\$149,808	
Marietta City Schools	Hartmann Center	\$105,045	\$39,868	\$32,901	
Marietta City Schools	The Nelson L. Price Treatment Center of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries	\$234,594	\$151,178	\$7,128	
Meriwether County Schools	Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center	\$122,400	\$81,387	\$5,073	
Muscogee County Schools****	Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home	\$8,653	\$93,495	\$0	
Newton County Schools	Project Adventure, Inc., Covington Campus	\$45,344	\$9,502	\$63,872	
Polk County Schools	Murphy-Harst	\$32,801	\$17,482	\$145,011	
Richmond County Schools	Lighthouse Care Center	\$32,164	\$7,792	\$55,117	
Richmond County Schools	WestCare- Augusta A & D	\$82,231	\$58,612	\$23,259	
Taylor County Schools	Alternative Youth Services, Inc. dba Georgia Center	\$43,107	\$31,922	\$289,049	
Twiggs County Schools	Aut Academy - Bradford Center, a campus of Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc.	\$100,553	\$186,343	\$69,941	
Totals		\$3,571,627	\$3,810,673	\$3,711,944	

* Carroll County/KidsPeace - State Charter School until 7-1-2009
** Facilities Closed during the 2009 school year

*** Residential Facility functions as a Program in Muscogee County, Muscogee County provides all direct instruction costs.
**** Received no QBE allocation as FE not reported for October 2008

Meeting with John Dunn from DOE concerning QBE Formula - December 08, 2009

Today the leadership from the Residential Treatment Centers Education Taskforce (members from GAHSC & GATS) met with John Dunn, Financial Review Director for DOE, concerning funding for RTC schools with a focus on the QBE formula. John Dunn is recognized as a QBE content expert. We met with him in preparation to meeting with Legislative Counsel (people at the Capitol who helps legislators develop legislation) concerning possible legislation concerning the funding issues.

Participants introduced themselves and Normer Adams introduced the issue to John Dunn. Mr. Dunn had been at some of the meetings that we have had concerning the Residential Facilities Education programs with Linda Delancey and Clara Keith. Those were very preliminary issues and many of the issues and responses since that time had changed.

Issues discussed included:

1. Mr. Dunn educated us briefly on the history of the QBE funding. It was put into law in 1986 and it never has covered all the educational costs for schools. The local school systems add at least 20% to the funding. It primarily covers expenses associated with teachers' salaries, though other costs are factored in. He did say that QBE funding is more 'protected' than other DOE budgetary items and has only had a 3% reduction this past year.
2. The SB 618 grant is very tenuous funding. Each year this "Non Quality Basic Education Grant" must be approved and appropriated by the legislature. This grant is always at risk from a legislative and executive level. We have seen the amount of the funding decline each year and have seen one threat of it being pulled by the Superintendent even after it was appropriated.
3. The SB 618 grant does not provide predictable and adequate funding for many of our providers and the children that it serves. The present funding provides many agencies with only about half of what they need to serve children. The census counts methodology does not work for a residential facility due to the turnover of census with the average length of stay at many providers being six months (less at some).
4. The SB 618 grant does not have a constituency in support of it. Foster children have few parents advocating for their needs and certainly have very little political supports.
5. Discussed how psycho-ed centers are funded outside of the QBE formula by a grant. Mr. Dunn recommended we talk to some directors but indicated he did not think we would be satisfied with this funding methodology.