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the best schools in the world for every student in Delaware.

News Update

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Testimony read on behalf of Vision 2015 Chairman Marvin N. "Skip" Schoenhals to the legislature's Joint Finance Committee on February 21 urged lawmakers to authorize a comprehensive analysis of the state's \$1.3 billion education budget to ensure that it is being spent most effectively with greatest benefit to students. He pledged private support to help underwrite a cost reallocation study. He also urged the creation of a "performance dashboard" that would enable parents, educators, and taxpayers alike to take stock easily of how our schools and students are doing. Finally, Mr. Schoenhals' testimony noted that making additional targeted educational investments should be a priority as more funding becomes available. To read the full testimony go here: www.vision2015delaware.org

The News Journal has started publishing a series of articles, profiling the success of Vision 2015 ideas in school districts throughout the state and across the country. Learn how schools such as Maple Lane Elementary and Seaford Central Elementary are providing **additional learning opportunities** for their students. Or learn how students in 26 states are learning online through **virtual schools** that give students access to new courses and interactive learning. The upcoming Feb. 26 article will feature schools where principals, working with school teams, can customize their instructional and operational programs.

Vision-aries

"We as the community owe it to the children to provide a better education to prepare them for the future." --*Christopher B.*

Sign the pledge for Delaware's students!

Join your fellow parents, educators and neighbors in signing the Vision 2015 pledge to ensure that all Delaware students receive a world-class education. No exceptions. No excuses.

Go to www.vision2015delaware.org to join our **Count Me In** campaign.

Your support for Vision 2015 sends a strong message to our students that you're behind them. And it tells our public officials that strengthening our public schools is our number-one priority. Take action today.

Did you know?

More than two-thirds of new jobs will require some postsecondary education.

Spotlight on Red Clay

Red Clay Consolidated School District has hired a part-time family-school relations coordinator at A.I. du Pont Middle School to encourage more students to enroll in Algebra I, which is considered a gatekeeper course for college admission. Go to www.vision2015delaware.org to learn more about this and other encouraging practices already happening in Delaware's schools. Vision 2015's goal is to make good news like this the norm for all Delaware students.

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To get the latest information on how to become involved with Vision 2015, please visit our web site: www.vision2015delaware.org. Or e-mail Melanie Ross Levin at Melanie@vision2015delaware.org.

Waters, Former Student and Teacher

“As I read and discuss the future of Vision 2015 with my colleagues, I feel that starting from a systemic approach, as Vision 2015 purports, can be the only approach if we really want something that is better than the rest.” --*Doreen Palucci, Instructional Technology Coach/Teacher/Parent*

Christopher and Doreen are among those who have shared their stories with us. Go to the website below to read more or to share your own story about education.

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