# Inquiry Leading to Implementation: West Virginia PK-12 Education Policy

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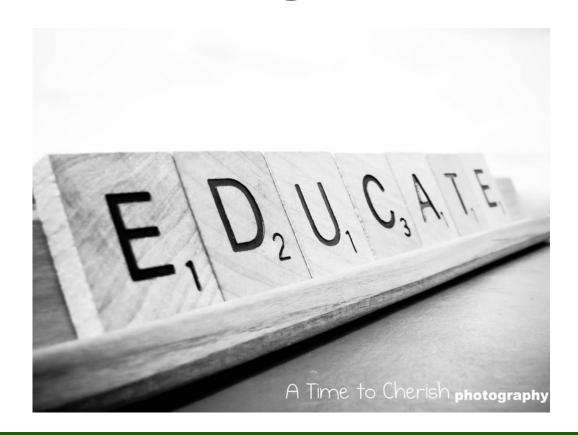
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# Introduction to Education in West Virginia





#### West Virginia Education Statistics



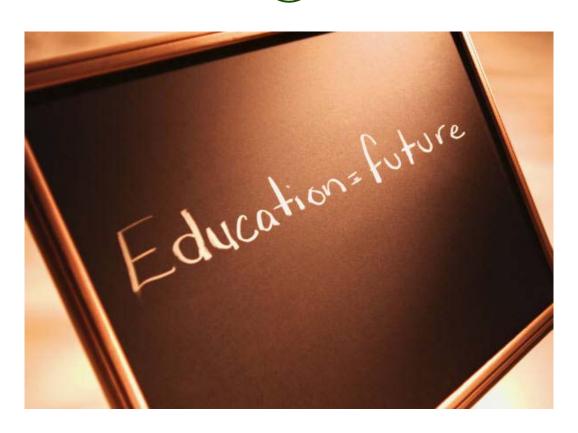
- 2012-13 school year enrollment exceeded 282,000 students (from PK to Grade 12)
  - Full-time equivalent (FTE) 2<sup>nd</sup> month enrollment exceeded 280,000

 Peak head count enrollment in West Virginia public schools tends to occur in Grade 9

 More than 660 public schools in the State in the 2010-11 school year

## Background





#### West Virginia Education Finance and Policy



Recht Decision (early 1980s)

• Senate Bill 3 (1983)

Public School Support Program (PSSP)

#### **CBER Education Research**

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#### Focus on:

- Pre-K and early childhood care and education
- Higher education (Promise Scholarship)
- School consolidation
- Wages and earnings
- Teacher/school quality and student performance

# CBER's Role in West Virginia Education Policy





### **Investigation and Implementation**

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- Alternate Approaches to Support of Special Education in State School Finance Programs (2007)
- Comparing West Virginia Teacher Salaries with Comparable Occupations and Possible Alternatives for Improvement (2008)

 International Opportunities within the West Virginia Pre-K Model (2008)

#### Investigation and Implementation

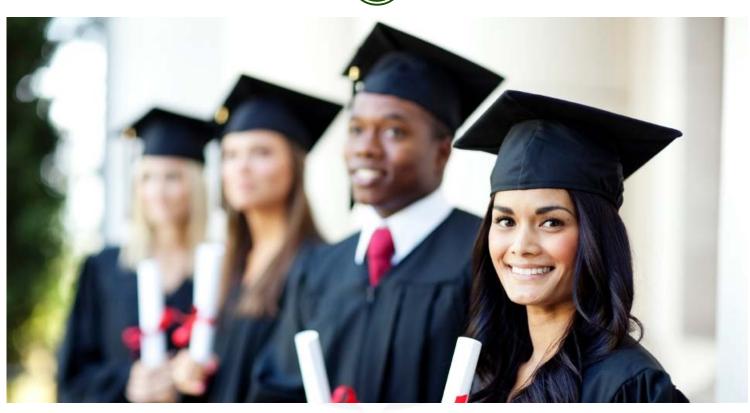


 Comparison of State Policies for Access and Funding of Early Childhood Education Programs (2010)

 Quality Rating and Improvement System Cost Implementation Study (2011)

## Impacts from Research





#### **Education Audit (2012)**

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#### Intention:

- Producing the best possible outcomes for students
- Receiving the highest return on educational investment

 West Virginia ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in education expenditures relative to income, yet scores below the national average on student performance indicators

#### **Education Audit (2012)**



- Defined 56 findings and recommendations in 6 statelevel function areas:
  - Administration
  - Facilities
  - Human Resources
  - Transportation
  - Ancillary Services
  - Regional Coordination
- Represents savings of approximately \$18.1 million in Year 1 and \$115.7 million over a 5-year period

### Plan for 2014 Regular Session

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Demographic analysis

Enrollment declines

Connection between workforce, CTC and higher education

Transportation

### Thank You

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QUESTIONS?