

## Report of the Board's Delegate to Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) #1

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The Board of Control of CESA #1 Board of Control met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

(1) A draft of the agency business plan was presented for review by members of the Board of Control for the next meeting.

(2) An organizational chart was presented. There were no major changes.

(3) Updates to the employee handbook, student program operation manual, and student manuals were presented for approval. Some highlights are:

- According to its legal counsel, CESA #1 may submit notices of meetings to only the two major newspapers, one in Waukesha and one in Milwaukee, even though this CESA covers more than those two counties.
- The requirement that CESA #1 have opiate antidotes and EpiPen® auto-Injectors available at all sites was rejected because CESA #1 does not actually control the sites where its programs are located; rather, those sites belong to local school districts.
- CESA #1 will not implement ALICE (Alert, Lock Down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) in case of an intruder. Certain provisions of ALICE have been questioned.
- CESA #1 will not require AEDs (automated external defibrillators) at sites because, again, CESA #1 programs are housed in existing school districts' buildings; however, CESA #1 is considering the placement of an AED at its main office.

(4) CESA #1 is working on programs for homeless students in Kenosha and Racine.

(5) CESA #1 is known for its development of personalized learning. I recently informed Executive Director Mary Gavigan that an article appeared in *Education Week* about a study questioning the value of personalized learning. Mary thanked me for bringing that to her attention. The staff will look into that study and report back at the next board meeting. It is probable that the study will show there are a right way and a wrong way to do personalized learning, and we have to make sure we are doing it the right way.

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