

Proposed Regional Academic Year Governor's School

Senate Finance Committee Presentation
September 18, 2008

George Mason University
Manassas City Public Schools
Manassas Park City Schools
Prince William County Public Schools

Cooperative Venture

- One Institution of Higher Education
George Mason University
- Three Virginia School Divisions
Manassas City Public Schools
Manassas Park City Schools
Prince William County Public Schools

Virginia Legislative Planning Grant

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

- Focus of Program
 - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Program)
- Structure of Program
 - Partial-Day Program
- Fiscal Agent
 - Prince William County Public Schools
- Consultant as Process Facilitator

Planning Grant Proposed Budget

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

Contracted Services	
Consultant to guide process and review documents	\$45,000
Travel/Research Expenses	
Travel to established programs for observation, research, and consultation	\$18,000
Curriculum Development	
Expenses for development of curriculum framework	\$30,000
Meeting Expenses	
Expenses for Planning Committee meetings	\$2,000
Publications/Printing	
Expenses for document production and printing	\$5,000
Total	\$100,000

Planning Structure

- Governor's School Planning Committee
(Committee of the Whole)
 - Involvement
 - George Mason University
 - City of Manassas Public Schools
 - Manassas Park City Schools
 - Prince William County Public Schools
 - Broad representation
 - Representatives of governing bodies
 - Professional representatives
 - Community and parent representatives

Planning Structure

- Executive Committee
 - Four representatives
 - George Mason University
 - One representative from each school division
 - Oversight of planning process
 - Financial oversight
- Steering Committee –Sub-Committee Leadership
 - Program Design sub-committee
 - Administration sub-committee
 - Community Relations sub-committee

Program Design Sub-Committee

- Establish program design
 - Determine learning outcomes
 - Establish balance among science, technology, engineering and mathematics
 - Establish balance among accelerated content, depth of research, interdisciplinary themes, and individual study
- Establish core of knowledge and skills
- Define elements of program, instructional and curricular evaluation
- Establish instructional calendar

Administration Sub-Committee

- Develop admissions process
- Establish staffing to support program design
- Establish process for staffing program
- Establish calendar
- Establish facilities and equipment needs
- Establish transportation requirements

Community Relations Sub-Committee

- Create and promote identity of Governor's School
 - Establish logo
 - Establish web site
- Establish communication networks
- Establish structure for student support
 - Establish mentorship structure
 - Establish collaborative relationship with university and school divisions
- Establish advisory committee structure

Timeline

- Committee work completed - May 2009
- Proposal presented to Virginia Department of Education - July 2009
- Program opens - September 2010