

Chester County Intermediate Unit

DATE: March 18, 2022

TO: Chester County School Board Members

FROM: Intermediate Unit Board

SUBJECT: 2022-23 Chester County Intermediate Unit Budgets

Our 2022-23 Chester County Intermediate Unit Core and Occupational Education budgets were approved at our March 16, 2022 Board meeting. They were also previously reviewed by the Superintendents. These budgets now require the approval of our twelve-member school districts. In order for you to be informed prior to your district taking action, you can view the presentation of our 2022-23 Core and Occupational Education budgets <u>here</u>. You will find the budget presentation to contain several components:

1. <u>Overview of the Budget Development Process, Fund Balance, Staffing, Employee Benefits, and Cost Control Strategies</u>

This section explains the format, size and characteristics of the budget and discusses the budget approval process. The strategies employed to address budget challenges in the current economic climate are outlined. This includes an analysis of the IU fund balance, proposed staffing, employee benefits programs, and specific cost reduction strategies employed by the CCIU. Several examples of successful collaborative efforts by the Chester County school districts provide additional background information. The alternative revenue sources that comprise the CCIU Categorical Budgets are also summarized in this section. These are budgets for various programs that are funded completely by non-school agencies of the federal and state government. The IU Board, as required by law, has approved them. No further action is requested.

2. <u>Core Services Budgets</u>

This section explains the proposed Core budget, significant changes, and historical budget information. This is the part of the CCIU budget to which all districts contribute and whose services may be used by all. The proposed budget requires no increase in district contributions in 2022-23. *It must be approved by a majority of district boards by April 30, 2022.*

3. <u>Occupational Education Budget</u>

This section explains the Occupational Education budget, significant changes, and projected district contribution levels. With this budget, the CCIU operates the Chester County Technical College High School – Brandywine, Pickering, and Pennock's Bridge campuses. *It must be approved by a majority of Chester County school boards by simple majority vote by June 30, 2022.*

4. <u>Budget Summary Information</u>

This section includes more detailed information and a staffing matrix for the proposed 2022-23 Core and Occupational Education budgets.

Your Board Secretary and Superintendent have been supplied with appropriate resolutions as a vehicle for your decision on the Core and Occupational Education budgets.

We appreciate the time you take to review the budget. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Dr. George F. Fiore, Executive Director (484.237.5010), Mr. Joseph Lubitsky, Director of Administrative Services (484.237.5070), or your district IU Board representative.

Enclosures