



Citizens for Equity

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Equity Update – May 2007

Community Forum

Current members and all interested parties are invited to attend a community forum to be held at the Traverse Area District Library at 610 Woodmere Avenue in Traverse City, Michigan (see our web site for a map) at 6:30 PM on Wednesday May 16. The forum will focus on three main points: (1) general information on public school funding and its current status; (2) updates on our activities and progress to date; (3) and plans for future actions. If you are new to the issue or have individual concerns, there will also be a question-and-answer period at the end of the meeting. We hope that you will attend, and we encourage you to bring along other community members.

Remember: May 16th – 6:30 PM – Traverse Area District Library!

Testimony before the Senate

On Tuesday May 8, Kirt Kilborne, Jim Feil, and Dan Rice represented Citizens for Equity before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K12 Funding. In 10 minutes of testimony, we stressed the need for equity, the discriminatory nature of the funding disparity, and the competitive disadvantage our students are facing. To our surprise, the senators engaged us for another 40 minutes with questions. Several senators expressed sympathy and a willingness to work on the issue. In fact, Senator Garcia mentioned that he had met with the Livingston County Area Citizens for Equity group just the night before. The subcommittee members are Jelinek, Brown, Garcia, Switalski, and Clark-Colemen. If you are one of their constituents, please contact them! Tell them how important equity is to you and your students!

Membership Drive

Our Spring Membership Drive continues! Thank you to all of you who signed up to become members. You should have received an acknowledgement/thank you letter in the mail. If you haven't joined, please consider becoming a member. The membership form is attached, and it is also available on our web site. (www.citizensforequity.org)

- ◆ The Livingston County Area Citizens for Equity has sent a powerful message with a new letter/petition to their elected officials. Read what they had to say on our web site!

~ The Trustees of Citizens for Equity