**Tough Questions on School-Level Spending for District Leaders**

*Below are questions your district should be prepared to answer about school-level spending in your district. This Q&A is not for distribution, but rather to prepare district leaders to answer questions from community members and the media.*

**POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS**

* How is funding allocated at the district level? What factors influence per-pupil funding at the district and school levels?
* What factors influence school-level spending at the district and school levels?
* Why hasn’t the district reported expenditures at the school level before?
* How will this information impact future funding allocations? Will schools lose funding?
* Why isn’t spending the same from school to school?

POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS

* If funding rates are lower at my child’s school, does that mean he/she is receiving a worse education?
* Has there always been data around school-level spending? How is this different?
* Who makes decisions about how funding is spent at the school level?
* Where can I access school-level/district-level spending information?
* How do I know if my child’s school is being equitably funded? How do I know my child is getting the funding he/she deserves?

POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM EDUCATORS

* Will findings impact teachers, particularly in terms of school placement?
* How will this impact resource allocation at my school?
* I don’t have any control over the school budget; how will this new provision impact my job/work?
* Why is my school getting more/less money?

POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS

* What will your district do to make funding distributions more equitable?
* How will your district account for higher populations of traditionally-underserved students?
* How can schools secure more funding?
* If funding rates are lower at schools predominantly serving students of color, how does this demonstrate equitable funding?