

Jim's Opening Statement

The purpose of this discussion is to give you, the school districts, a little more information about fee for service cost reporting/settlement. This process has been included in our annual budget in proviso language since 2011.

Chris Conner of Public Consultant Group (PCG) has constantly said that the decision to implement this process lies with the school districts—not the lobbyist, legislature or AHCA. If the districts do not want this, then it will go away.

Also, it would be a long process to implement this program. So neither Susan nor I will be here to see it implemented. We're only here to pass out as much information as possible so districts can complete the AHCA survey and decide on it at a later date. Also, being part of this presentation does not mean AHCA or Student Support Services supports or opposes this process.

This will not be the final informational meeting on this subject. Before any final decisions are made, we'll be surveying other states on their experiences with this process. Also, I plan more to hold more discussion groups and possibly form an ad hoc committee of school districts for further investigation.