

Residency Verification Program Update

September 25, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

Residency Verification Program Status Update

2,601 students have submitted documents through 9/24 (+80% complete)

- Approximately 600 students (includes in-district (3,010 as of 9/24/18) and out-of-district (appx 200) students who have not yet completed the residency verification process

Students who disenrolled over the past 4 summers (July & August)

2018-19: 86 students

2017-18: 58 students

2016-17: 51 students

2015-16: 70 students

****New enrollments occur throughout the course of each year, and especially during the summer before school opens**

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623 students are in temporary living arrangements (ie: co-habitants or renting)

347 students in total were added to the “watch list” to-date

62 of the 347 have already been resolved legitimately and 285 are still under review, which are classified into 3 categories:

1. 46 - possess CT license or vehicle registration (plates), utility bills show limited usage, mail returned repeatedly, anonymous tips, insufficient custody documents, etc.
2. 46 - submitted non-aligned documents (ie: presented a driver’s license with one address, but residency documents at another address)
3. 193 - submitted insufficient documents (ie: were only able to provide a Third Party Residency Statement)

Students in categories 1&2 are being referred to a private investigator for follow-up, which may range from DMV/utility searches to covert surveillance.

Students in category 3 are required to provide additional documentation as per the Residency Verification Form.

Estimated Costs through Completion

- Estimated cost to complete the Residency Verification Program: \$285K (total from start)**
 - \$ 7,200 Office (mailing, translation services, scanners, supplies, etc.)
 - \$ 13,679 Legal services (conference calls with NYSED, revision of residency documents, advisement of required modifications to the process, attendance at residency task force and BoE meetings)
 - \$174,015 Staffing (salaries/benefits of clerical support and administrative oversight)
 - \$ 90,000 Private Investigations (estimated based on 100 DMV/utility searches and 20 surveillance investigations)
 - **THIS ESTIMATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF RESIDENCY INVESTIGATIONS.



Next Residency Task Force Meeting:

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 (BHS ILC)