House Legislative Oversight Committee

Request for Information about Committee Recommendations, 2019

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Agency Responding	John de la Howe School
Submission Date	10/31/2019

		Agency Responses					
Recommendation Number	Recommendations to Agency and Implementation Notes on File with Legislative Oversight Committee as of August 2019	Status of Implementation	Actual or Anticipated Date of 100% Completion	Estimated Net Financial Savings, Realized or Anticipated, in the 5 Years Following Implementation*	Non-Financial Benefits Realized or Anticipated from Implementing Recommendation	Non-Financial Drawbacks Realized or Anticipated from Implementing Recommendation	Additional Comments (optional)
Report Rec #02	AGENCY: Amplify its measurement of the wilderness program by tracking and monitoring students who leave the program for any reason in the following areas: a Completion of the grades following departure from the wilderness program; b.High school graduation; c.Higher education application and acceptance rates; and Military service. Implementation:	Not Started - No plans to implement	The agency has decided to replace the wilderness program with a Student Education Center that will track students		Better accountability tracking of students and reporting performance measures	None noted at this time	
Report Rec #06	AGENCY BOARD: Consider and approve the marketing plan, and the school should include an update on the implementation of the plan in its annual accountability report to the Governor and General Assembly.	Complete	September 2019 completed and presented to board and will report results in the annual accountability report	None	Will allow name recognition and branding of the agency which will result in increased student enrollment and use of the facilities located on the campus	None noted at this time	
Report Rec #07	AGENCY: In the event the purpose of John de la Howe School does not change, include communication with the Department of Juvenile Justice's juvenile arbitration program in its list of marketing targets IMPLEMENTATION: None to date	Not Started - No plans to implement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Report Rec #08	AGENCY: Take every opportunity it has to acquire forms, sent to schools students return to, so as to substantiate the record of student progress. IMPLEMENTATION: None to date:	Not Started - No plans to implement	N/A since agency is repurposing to become a school of agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Report Rec #09	AGENCY: Contact the Department of Archives and History and do the following:□ a.Seek advice on creating an updated records retention plan;□ b.Determine what is required of an agency to remain active; and □ c. Implement a compliant state records retention policy.□ IMPLEMENTATION: None to date□	In Progress	Agency consulted with the Department of Archives and History and has initiated a contract to electronically scan records and anticpate completion by November 2020		Quicker response time in obtaining records and recapturing facility square footage that was used to store records.	None noted at this time	
Report Rec #10	AGENCY: John de la Howe School and the John de la Howe School Foundation should operate separately, as defined in either an operating agreement or a memorandum of understanding.	In Progress	Finalize memorandum of agreement by June 2020. Foundation is operating separately from the agency		Greater level of accountability for the foundation and the agency. Also, will attract better quality board members and stakeholders and increased compliance, transparency and accountability for the foundation.	None noted at this time	
Report Rec #11	AGENCY: The agency head should not have single signature authority on the John de la Howe School Foundation's checks.□ □ IMPLEMENTATION: None to date□	Complete	Completed September 2019	No impact on Financial Savings	Allows better transparency and mitigates risk of single check authority over a non-agency account	None noted at this time	

Note:
* If implementation of a recommendation will result in a net cost to the agency, please include that as a negative number in column E.