



Superintendent of Record Report

Professional Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings – Friday, May 4, 2018
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Attendance: Fairview, Fort LeBoeuf, General McLane, Girard, Harbor Creek, Iroquois, Millcreek, North East, Northwestern, Union City, Wattsburg

PEL Legal Defense Fund

Terri Birchard will request that each district's financial officers submit an invoice to her for a refund of their unused portion of the Pennsylvania Economic League legal defense fund, which is currently residing in the JOC foundation account. The invoice will be paid in a timely manner to ensure that the funds are liquidated appropriately to each district.

This fund was previously created by contributions from all participating county school districts in anticipation of required defense should the Erie School District decide to close its high schools and send its students to neighboring school districts. The primary concern was that the county school did not have adequate capacity to service all of Erie City's high school age students and that the added financial burden would jeopardize the quality of education in all Erie County school districts.

With the 2017-2018 consolidation of Erie's high schools, a reoccurring additional \$14M in state revenue to the Erie SD, and the appointment of a PDE chief financial recovery officer, the immediate need for possible legal defense seems to have temporarily abated.