

**Facility Schools Work Group Meeting Notes**

September 5, 2025, 9:00 - 10:20 AM Virtual - Zoom Meeting

**Work Group Members Present:** Sarah Baumgartner, Danny Combs, Wendy Dunaway, Mylynda Herrick, Sonjia Hunt, Maitri Jensen, Erin Osterhaus, Steven Ramirez, Deon Roberts, Robin Singer, Judy Stirman, Barb Taylor, Kevin Tracy, Callan Ware, Laura Writebol

**Work Group Members Absent:** Laurie Burney, Brianna Holmes, Ann Symalla, Lindsey Tapp, Susan Udenberg

**Guest Observers:**

**Facilitator, CDE & Support:** Virginia (G) Winter, Equinox Consultancy LLC, Allie Miller

**Analysis Team:** Kate McDonald, Nick Stellitano – Dillinger Research & Applied Data

**Other**: Corey Pierce, William Merchant - UNC, Becky Miller-Updike CAFCA

**Public Comment:** none

**1. SB23-219 Implementation and Work Plan**

* Dillinger RAD provided an update on the work plan and implementation of the recommendations in SB 23-219.

**2. Review of Facility School Data**

* Work Group members reviewed facility school data including student enrollment and unique students served and reflected on the meaning behind the statistics.

**3. Review the Annual Report**

* The Work Group provided feedback to the draft annual report to the Joint Budget Committee, due October 1

**4. Update Third-party Evaluation**

* The UNC staff introduced themselves to the Work Group and expressed their enthusiasm for the upcoming year.

**5. Update on Facility School Accreditation**

* The Office of Facility Schools (OFS) reiterated the purpose of Facility School Accreditation and shared a timeline for upcoming work to complete the Report for fall 2026 to the State Board of Education.

**6. Shared Operational Services Grant Final Report**

* The Executive Director of CAFCA presented a summary of the past two years in establishing the shared services purchasing project. She highlighted various cost savings the facility schools have experienced so far and the outlook for its sustainability over time..

**Next Steps - Reminder of upcoming Work Group meeting:**

* Next meeting date: Thursday, December 4, 2025

[**Shared work group member folder for meeting notes, reports, etc.**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IkfGjJ3uPxZtEAqBvdtH_o0RiIgxY08k?usp=drive_link)