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#### **High Quality Teachers & Leaders – Work Group 2**

Page 4, item 3 : These professional development schools will be public schools with student bodies reflecting the diversity of public schools in the State. : **This seems as though it will eliminate many schools in the rural counties, since those counties do not have the diversity of population as is found in the urban counties**

Element 2f: Raise teacher pay : **What will happen if a county cannot afford such huge pay increases. In Allegany County, the average teacher already makes approximately 150% of the mean **household** income. With just 38,000 tax bills, this could require a rather large property tax increase, which will cause many to move to West Virginia, causing a drop in student enrollment.**

Element 2g : Develop career ladders for teachers and school leaders: **What is the final thought on making up for the 60% of the work day in the classroom. Will more teachers be hired, or class sizes increased? The new high school in Allegany County was designed with classrooms for a maximum of 30 students, most of those classes presently have 24-25 students**

#### **Suggestion for full Commission to consider:**

All students should be allowed to attend school in a neighboring county, when the school in the other county is closer and attendance would cause fewer hardships for the student and family

