

MCLC All Member Meeting: Small Group Discussion

May 10, 2022

Discussion Questions:

1. Should we continue to push for the \$3 million or should we consider reducing the total ask?
2. How can we strengthen our ask for an increase in the Senate budget?
3. How can we get more publicity around the need for civic education?
4. How do we engage our networks in advocacy?
5. [Complete the grid](#) and identify In which towns you have contacts that MCLC can be connected to if we have a legislator meeting already scheduled? Please feel out this grid by **putting an X in your group's column** next to the town/city where you have a presence.

Group 1 Arielle, Elyssa, John, Kei, Matt, Peter, Sarah	Group 2 Ana, Casey, Dave, Hannah, Laura, Wendy
• High School Voter Registration - use it to spark discussion • Tailor messages to our own audiences	• Important to include “why” in the ask, esp people who asked for funds and didn’t receive them (grants), answer the question of who would benefit [only about 1/3 of requests were funded, good to be able to be specific when talking w/ legislators] • Strengthen case: share success of this year’s Civics Week, esp compared to last year, incl. student involvement • What has worked in the past? When talking about gap in funding from applications for grants to those funding, need specific story of a student who wanted to do something or teacher who needed more resources; in the past success has been pairing up different coalition members who bring different perspectives; 3 people in meetings with legislators has been good, best when 1 of 3 is a teacher • Is issue more about raising awareness than convincing/persuading of need? Probably need both awareness

	and persuasion • Are any 8th graders using this as their project? None that anyone knows of • Casey Cullen has some seniors who might be able to join a few calls
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