

## Advisory Governor's Education Funding Task Force to Hold Second Public Hearing August 21, 2012

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The Governor's Education Funding Task Force will hold a second public hearing Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Civic Hall on the Camden Community College Blackwood Campus in Blackwood, NJ. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Education Funding Task Force was established by Executive Order of the Governor in March 2012 to examine those parts of the state's *School Funding Reform Act (SFRA)* funding formula that may be susceptible to fraud or subject to outside manipulation in regard to participation in the federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program as a proxy for "at-risk" status and the municipal tax abatement programs. The Executive Order may be found at <a href="http://nj.gov/infobank/circular/eocc89.pdf">http://nj.gov/infobank/circular/eocc89.pdf</a>.

The public hearing is scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 21, 3:00pm, Civic Hall, Connector Building, Camden Community College Blackwood Campus, Blackwood, NJ. Directions are available at <a href="http://www.camdencc.edu/about/Campus-Directions.cfm">http://www.camdencc.edu/about/Campus-Directions.cfm</a>. A campus map is available at <a href="http://www.camdencc.edu/about/loader.cfm">http://www.camdencc.edu/about/loader.cfm</a>? csModule=security/getfile&pageid=15601.

As a reminder, the first public hearing is scheduled for:

Wednesday, August 15, 3:00pm, Fort Lee High School Media Center (2nd Floor), 3000 Lemoine Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Directions are available at <a href="http://goo.gl/maps/dP9W3">http://goo.gl/maps/dP9W3</a>

Members of the public are asked to bring printed copies of their remarks to the hearing. Suggestions and thoughts may also be provided to the Task Force via e-mail (educationfunding@doe.nj.gov) or postal mail (Education Transformation Task Force, c/o Department of Education, 100 Riverview Plaza, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625).