Recall the Storm Clouds

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Storms are with us

Storm Facts
- Most states and the federal government are broke.
- We have begun seeing fallout (political backlash) from general economic conditions.
- Odds increase that decisions about conducting business in SLP may extend beyond our control – unless we bring answers.
Fallout

- Several states are acting on plans to change the way services are delivered in schools – at least regarding personnel.
- Some of this movement is related to years of shortages of qualified personnel.
- What are the prospects that school-based models are changed for us?

More Fallout

- Pressure to do more with less is increasing across workplaces.
- Institutions of higher learning are looking at ways to reduce costs.
- Even university CSD programs have drawn serious scrutiny in the last three years (we aren’t cheap).

Here to propose considerations

Consideration #1 – Commit to a plan to review “futures” strategies at annual meetings each of the next three years - let’s hear from individuals with expertise in governmental relations and political forecasting.
Considerations
Consideration #2 - take ownership of responsibilities to coordinate our efforts with those in various professional workplaces.
  o Recognize and react to personnel needs.
  o Lead in examining options – is the model we employ in higher education the most efficient and most effective possible?
  How do we know?

Considerations
Consideration #3 – Extrinsic Issues
  o Exploring capacities – Are there alternative models that might increase the number of qualified graduates?
  o Re-considering paraprofessionals as a means to address service shortfalls – can we do it better this time?

Considerations
Consideration # 4 – Intrinsic Issues
  o For all of the conversation about skill and knowledge, what do we really know about how well our preparatory exercises help students think better?
  o Supervision training – Shouldn’t students be exposed to supervisory constructs as many will be overseeing someone within three years of entering employment
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More Intrinsic Issues

- Visit the number of bachelor's level students not being successful in graduate school admission.

- Attend to assessing competence with critical sub-skills, including:
  - observation competence
  - auditory discrimination