

Commission on School Funding

Friday, October 16, 2020

9:00 AM

STATE OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission on School Funding will meet via videoconference. In accordance with Governor Sisolak's State of Emergency Directives, there will be no physical location designated for this meeting. The meeting will be livestreamed on the Nevada Department of Education's (NDE) website.

*The public is hereby noticed that the Commission on School Funding reserves the right to take agenda items out of posted order; items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; and items may be combined for consideration. Members of the public may provide public comment in writing via email; public comment will be accepted via email for the duration of the meeting and shared with the Commission on School Funding during the appropriate agenda items. Public comment may be emailed to Jessica Todtman at jtodtman@doe.nv.gov; members of the public **must** indicate in the email subject line whether the comment is for Public Comment #1 or Public Comment #2.*

Support materials for this agenda are available at no charge on the NDE website at: [Meeting Materials](#) (under the meeting date referenced above) or by contacting Jessica Todtman at the Department of Education, 700 E. Fifth St, Carson City, Nevada and 2080 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, Nevada, (775) 687-9225.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

2. Public Comment #1

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. A time limit of three minutes will be imposed by the Commission Chair in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment with an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Commission. Public comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

- September 25, 2020

4. Nevada Department of Education Update (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will receive a status update on the progress made by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) since the last meeting, as well as responses to recent requests from the Commission for information and clarification.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE

5. Discussion regarding optimal funding (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will continue a facilitated discussion to identify the components of optimal funding for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, including the guiding principles for optimal funding and specific elements of optimal funding. The Commission may also prioritize definition elements.

- Dr. Susan Leddick, PKR Inc.
 - Andy Pechacek, PKR Inc.
6. **Preliminary information regarding the distribution of public-school funding under the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information and Discussion*)**
The Commission will receive an update on the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan based on fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 projected financial and enrollment data.
- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE
 - James Kirkpatrick, Administrative Services Officer, NDE
7. **Recommendations regarding the maximum amount of money that each school district may deduct for its administrative expenses from the adjusted base per pupil funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**
The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding the recommended maximum amount of money that each school district may deduct for its administrative expenses from the adjusted base per pupil funding as described in Section 8.9 of Senate Bill 543. The Commission may take action to formalize recommendations regarding administrative expenditures and the maximum amount each district may deduct in each fiscal year.
- Justin Silverstein and Amanda Brown, APA Consulting
8. **Recommendations regarding implementation strategies and processes used by other states when implementing pupil-centered funding models (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**
The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding recommendations for implementation strategies and processes based on lessons learned from other states that implemented pupil-centered funding models. The Commission may take action to adopt recommendations for implementation strategies and processes for the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.
- Justin Silverstein and Amanda Brown, APA Consulting
9. **Discussion regarding the local maintenance of effort (MOE) for special education and its inclusion in the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**
The Commission of School Funding will review its previous recommendations regarding State and local MOE requirements and special education funding in the context of recent conversations regarding implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan. The Commission may take action to recommend the process to account for local funding used as MOE for special education in the State Education Fund.
- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE
 - Will Jensen, Director, Office of Inclusive Education, NDE
10. **Future Agenda Items (*Information and Discussion*)**

11. Public Comment #2

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12. Adjournment