

Commission on School Funding

Friday, November 13, 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)

- October 16, 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. Presentation of the changes to budget forms for annual school district budgets based on the anticipated implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan in Fiscal Year 2022 (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will receive an update and high-level overview of the changes to the State budget forms made by the Department of Taxation that are used by school

districts. The updates were made based on recommendations made by the Committee on Local Government Finance as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 543.

- Jeffrey Mitchell and Kelly Langley, Department of Taxation

6. Discussion regarding Optimal Funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

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.
- Mary Peterson, Co-Director, Region 15 Comprehensive Center at WestEd

7. Demonstration of the distinction between using a targeted funding methodology versus a proportional funding methodology to direct additional funding to the weighted categories within the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from NDE comparing the use of a targeted versus a proportional funding methodology to increase funding for weighted funding groups within the Pupil-Centered Funding model. The Commission may take action to adopt a methodology to be implemented within the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE
- James Kirkpatrick, Administrative Services Officer, NDE

8. 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

9. Information and Discussion regarding public-facing summary documents (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will review draft documents that describe the work of the Commission and the components of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan for consideration to be shared with the public.

- Jessica Todtman, Chief Strategy Officer, NDE

10. Future Agenda Items (*Information and Discussion*)

11. Public Comment #2

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12. Adjournment