

# Commission on School Funding

Friday, December 18, 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](mailto: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 Flexible Agenda (For Possible Action)**

**4. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**

- November 13, 2020
- November 19, 2020

**5. Nevada Department of Education Update (Information and Discussion)**

*The Commission on School Funding 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

**6. Discussion and recommendations for potential revenue sources for optimal funding (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)**

*The Commission on School Funding will identify and prioritize possible funding sources and examine candidate revenue sources that may support optimal funding for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan. Section 11.1(c) of Senate Bill (SB) 543 (2019) requires the Commission to identify a method to fully fund within 10 years any recommendations that would require more money to implement than was appropriated in the immediately preceding biennium.*

- Guy Hobbs, Vice Chair, Commission on School Funding
- Paul Johnson, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Jeremy Aguero, Applied Analysis

**7. Discussion regarding optimal funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Discussion*)**

*The Commission on School Funding will continue discussion of the identified components of optimal funding for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, including the guiding principles for optimal funding and specific elements of optimal funding.*

- Karlene McCormick-Lee, Ed.D., Chair, Commission on School Funding

**8. Overview of the Economic Forum's December 3, 2020 approved revenue forecast report for the 2021-2023 biennium (*Information and Discussion*)**

*The Commission on School Funding will receive a high-level summary of the revenue forecast approved by the Economic Forum for the 2021-23 biennium as it relates to the State Education Fund and the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.*

- Beau Bennett, Management Analyst, NDE

**9. Discussion regarding the tracking of local maintenance of effort (MOE) for special education in the State Education Fund (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

*The Commission on School Funding will review its previous recommendations regarding State and local MOE requirements and special education funding. The Commission may take action to recommend a 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. Updated Information regarding the distribution of public school funding under the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information and Discussion*)**

*The Commission on School Funding will receive an update on the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan based on fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 projected enrollment data as well as updated hold harmless amounts for each school district.*

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

**11. Recommendations regarding the maximum amount of money that each school district may deduct for administrative expenses from the adjusted base per pupil funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

*The Commission on School Funding previously received 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 SB 543. The Commission may take action to formalize recommendations regarding administrative expenditures and the maximum amount each district may deduct in each fiscal year.*

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

**12. Recommendations regarding the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information, Discussion and Possible Action*)**

*The Commission on School Funding will discuss the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan and consider making active recommendations related its implementation beginning on July 1, 2021 in accordance with SB 543.*

- Karlene McCormick-Lee, Ed.D., Chair, Commission on School Funding

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

**14. Public Comment #2**

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**15. Adjournment**