

Commission on School Funding

Thursday, June 11, 2020

1:00 PM

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 Directive 006, Section 1, 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 are asked to indicate in the email subject line the date of the meeting as well as 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. 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

4. Comparative Analysis of Charter School budgets under the Nevada Plan the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information and Discussion*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from representatives of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) comparing the Fiscal Year 2020 budgets for SPCSA sponsored charter schools using the Nevada Plan and the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan. The decision of SPCSA charter schools to undertake this analysis was voluntary and not required by Senate Bill 543.

- Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director, SPCSA
- Michael Dang, Management Analyst, SPCSA

5. Presentation and discussion on the anticipated level of effort and fiscal impact on the reporting requirements included in Senate Bill (SB) 543 and exemplars for reporting requirements from other states and districts with pupil-centered funding models (*Information and Discussion*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding information gathered from school districts and schools within Nevada regarding the anticipated level of effort and fiscal impact of the reporting requirements included in SB 543, as well as exemplars for reporting requirements based on other states and districts using pupil-centered funding models. The presentation will include a final recommendation from the subject matter experts regarding potential revisions to the reporting requirements and timeframes identified in SB 543.

- Jason Willis and Felicia Brown, WestEd

6. Presentation and discussion regarding alternative definitions for at-risk students (*Information and Discussion*)

The Commission will receive a presentation regarding alternative definitions for at-risk students based on those used by other states and districts. This presentation is in response to the Department's previous commitment to return to the Commission with alternative definitions for at-risk students. Senate Bill 543, Section 16.1 prescribes the definition of "at-risk pupil" and allows an alternative to be prescribed by the State Board of Education.

- Dr. Jonathan Moore, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement, NDE
- Beau Bennett, Management Analyst, NDE

7. Presentation and discussion regarding the adjustment factors included in Senate Bill (SB) 543 and how each adjustment addresses the variation in the cost of providing education in each county in Nevada. (*Information and Discussion*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts on the adjustment factors included in the Pupil Centered Fund Plan and how each adjustment takes into consideration the cost of providing education in each school district in the state.

- Justin Silverstein and Amanda Brown, APA Consulting

8. Public Comment #2

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power. No action may be taken on a matter raised 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.

9. Adjournment