

# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING

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## AGENDA

- 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)**
  - May 20, 2022
- 4. Nevada Department of Education Update (Information and Discussion)**

The Commission on School Funding will receive an 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 Student Investment, NDE
- 5. Information and Discussion regarding messaging related to Optimal Funding (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)**

The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding possible revenue options for supporting optimal funding for K-12 education through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (PCFP). The presentation will include revenue projections from various sales tax scenarios that have been previously identified for consideration by the Commission to increase revenues for education over the next ten years. The Commission may provide guidance to the subject matter experts on scenarios to be presented during a future meeting.

  - Brian R. Gordon, Principal, Applied Analysis

**6. Information and Discussion regarding the impact of optimal funding on education (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

Members of the Nevada Association of School Superintendents and representatives from the Commission on School Funding will present information regarding the need for increased funding for education to improve outcomes for students and communities, as well as considerations for quantifying the need for optimal funding. This information is intended to provide additional context for the Commission's work toward optimal funding for K-12 public education in Nevada.

- Andrew J. Fueling, Member, Commission on School Funding (CSF)
- Jason Goudie, Member, CSF
- Dr. Dave Jensen, Member, CSF
- Paul Johnson, Member, CSF
- Mark Mathers, Member, CSF

**7. Information and Discussion regarding an analysis of K-12 student achievement rankings (*Information and Discussion*)**

The Commission will receive a presentation of the results of the first two phases of a three-phase Guinn Center study related to the methodology behind national education rankings by Education Week, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Fordham Institute. The presentation will also address Nevada and the Las Vegas Metro area's standing on these rankings and provide a preview of the final and third phase of the work to be completed through this study.

- Kenneth Retzl, Ph.D., Director of Education Policy, Guinn Center

**8. Information and Discussion regarding messaging related to Optimal Funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

The Commission will discuss information needs and communication strategies regarding recommendations for optimal funding to support the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

- Punam Mathur, Member, Commission on School Funding

**9. Presentation on the Nevada Cost of Education Index using Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) Data for Salary and Wage Data (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

The Commission will receive a presentation regarding the Nevada Cost of Education Index (NCEI) included in the legislatively approved budget for the 2021-23 biennium and the impact of utilizing Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation data for the salary and wage portion of the calculation. The Commission may take action to pursue this or an alternative data source. Additionally, the Commission may determine if a recommendation should be developed to propose revisions to the current data sources included in the NCEI.

- James Kirkpatrick, State Education Funding Manager, Student Investment Division, NDE

**10. Information and Discussion regarding the funding allocated through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan for pupils enrolled in dual credit programs and attending Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Institutions on a fulltime basis (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

The Commission will receive a presentation regarding the current funding for pupils enrolled in dual credit program and attending NSHE on a full-time basis. This item is in response to a request from the Nevada Legislature.

- Beau Bennett, State Education Funding Specialist, Student Investment Division, NDE

**11. Discussion of recommendations approved by the Commission on School to facilitate the successful implementation of Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information, Discussion and Possible Action*)**

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 387.12463 identifies the duties of the Commission, which include making recommendations to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education to improve the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, correct any deficiencies within the Nevada Department of Education or any public school district, and revise any laws or regulations to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of public education in the State. Additionally, the Commission may make recommendations to the Nevada Department of Education regarding revisions to the cost adjustment factors and attendance area adjustments. It is anticipated that these

recommendations will be presented to the Legislature's Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education during its July 2022 meeting.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Student Investment, NDE
- Beau Bennett, State Education Funding Specialist, Student Investment Division, NDE

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

**13. Public Comment #2**

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**14. Adjournment**