

NDE Response to Questions

from Commission on School Funding

Proposed Funding Models

Applied Analysis

- Revenue
 - All non Federal revenue
- Funding Allocation
 - NDE
 - Base = inflation + enrollment
 - Weighted Funding
 - Excess Funds

SB 543 (PCFP)

- Revenue
 - State Education Fund
 - Other Funds
- Funding Allocation
 - NDE
 - Transportation and Food Svc
 - School Districts
 - Charter Schools
 - Distance Ed
 - Classroom Instruction
 - Weighted Funding

Pupil Centered Funding Plan (PCFP)

NDE/GFO Activities

- Moving revenues into the State Education Fund
- Allocating expenditures within PCFP
- Incorporating local revenues and expenditures in PCFP
- Run model → District Budgets
- Include in biennial budget
- Adopt Regulations to formalized the methodologies and reporting formats

Commission Inputs

- Small District Equity Adjustment
- Necessarily Small School Adjust.
- Cost Adjustment Factors (CWI)
- Additional Weighted Funding
- District Administrative Cost Cap
- Integrate Reporting Requirements
- Compare NV Plan vs. PCFP
- Review laws and regulations to improve public education
- Consider Optimal Funding
- Recommendations to Governor and Legislature (2020)

Nevada Plan vs. Pupil Centered Funding Plan

- Not apples to apples comparison
 - NV Plan: Basic Support (distributed through DSA)
 - PCFP: all funding for public education
 - (except federal funds and match/MOE)
- Comparison: FY 20/FY 21 funding vs PCFP
 - Pending PCFP build-out

Commission Recommendations

Weighted Funding

Question: Can the Commission, Governor, and/or Legislature choose to phase in target weights over time, as revenues grow?

Response: Commission responsibilities (per SB 543):

- Recommend multiplier for weighted funding → PCFP
- Make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature to implement PCFP
- Recommendations within existing funding and requiring additional funding

Reconcile “base funding” NV Plan vs PCFP

To reconcile, must decided which “base” to compare:

- Statewide Base Per Pupil Funding Amount
- Adjusted Base Per Pupil Funding Amount for school districts
- Adjusted Base Per Pupil Funding Amount for charter schools/university schools
- Base Budget

Define “budget” as used in SB 543, Section 76.2

each school district shall

- *project its budget for the 2019-2021 biennium as if the provisions of this act were in effect*
- *compare the projection to its projected budget under existing law*
- *submit both budgets to the Commission*

Define “budget”

- Same format currently used by school districts, as prescribed by Department of Taxation

Explanation of SB 543, Section 8.7 weighted funding for at-risk pupils

Public school:

- must use that funding only to provide Victory services
 - Victory services listed in Section 8.10(a)
- and additional services for at-risk pupils who also belong to one or more other categories of pupils who receive weighted funding
 - EL, GATE, SPED

Explanation of SB 543, Section 8.8 weighted funding for English learners

Public school:

- must use that funding only to provide Zoom services
 - Zoom services listed in Section 8.10(b)
- and additional services for at-risk pupils who also belong to one or more other categories of pupils who receive weighted funding
 - At-Risk, GATE, SPED

SB 543, Section 15.2

Is this a per-pupil amount or a total?

It is the intent of the Legislature

to accomplish the transition to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan without causing an unexpected loss of revenue to any school district which may receive less money under the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan than the district received during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a school district would receive less money under the PCFP than the district received during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020, it is the intent of the Legislature that the school district instead receive the same level of funding that the district received during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020...

SB 543, Section 15.2

This is a total amount.

- This is the allocation that each district receives in FY 2020
- Section 15.1: combining money raised pursuant to state law at the local level with state money ...

Next Steps by NDE/GFO

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- Updating Terminology List
- Compare: Nevada Plan and Pupil Centered Funding Plan
 - Components of each plan
- Continue building out Pupil Centered Funding Plan
 - Moving revenues into the State Education Fund
 - Allocating expenditures into PCFP categories
 - Add school district revenues and expenditures