



SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)

9:10 a.m. Comments by the Chairman regarding the responsibilities of the committee

READING AND MATHEMATICS PROFICIENCY STUDY

9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of reading and mathematics proficiency rates among students with disabilities and academic disparities in reading and mathematics proficiency rates

9:30 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding:

- The most recent reading and mathematics proficiency rates and proficiency trends, including trends among disparate populations;
- Possible reasons for trends; and
- Initiatives and best practices in school districts showing improvement in reading and mathematics proficiency rates

9:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons

10:00 a.m. Committee discussion

10:15 a.m. Break

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER SHORTAGE STUDY

10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of special education teacher shortages, circumstances, and collective needs

10:40 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding special education teacher shortages, circumstances, and collective need

11:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:15 a.m. Committee discussion

11:30 a.m. Recess

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY

12:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of special education funding

12:45 p.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding federal and state funding for special education, including information regarding how funding is provided through special education contracts and the state school aid formula

1:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons
2:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the special education funding study
2:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
3:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: David Richter (Chairman), LaurieBeth Hager, Karla Rose Hanson, Jim Jonas, Scott Louser, Eric J. Murphy, Anna S. Novak

Senators: Michelle Axtman, Todd Beard, Josh Boschee

Citizen Members: Brandon Baumbach, Brandt Dick, Lindsey Dirk, Justin Fryer, Shawn Huss, Rhandi Knutson, Carly Retterath, Beth Slette, Sheri Twist

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