



SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the November 5, 2025, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER SHORTAGE STUDY**
- 9:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of [North Dakota United](#) regarding the [results](#) of a statewide special education [survey](#)
- 10:25 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of North Dakota United Special Education Collective regarding possible special [education](#) study [objectives](#)
- 11:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 11:40 a.m. Committee discussion
- 12:00 noon Recess
- SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY**
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the South Dakota Department of Education regarding special education funding in South Dakota
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:15 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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