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## SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the March 4, 2026, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- READING AND MATHEMATICS PROFICIENCY STUDY**
- 9:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding the latest student performance data on statewide reading and mathematics assessments for students with disabilities
- 9:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 10:05 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY**
- 10:30 a.m. [Presentations](#) by committee members and committee discussion regarding special education funding and possible special education funding models
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of presentations by [committee members](#) and committee discussion regarding special education funding and possible special education funding models
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:45 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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