



SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the May 6, 2026, meeting](#)

10:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY

10:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding state funding for special education, including:

- Funding provided through the state school aid formula;
- Funding provided through the special education contracts line item; and
- Special education contract payments to school districts, including information regarding total charges, reimbursements, and rates by residential facility for each school district receiving payments

10:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons

READING AND MATHEMATICS PROFICIENCY STUDY

11:00 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

11:15 a.m. Committee discussion

11:45 a.m. Recess

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

12:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding assigned studies of special education funding, reading and mathematics proficiency, and the special education teacher shortage

3:30 p.m. Final motions and 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, Jamie Selzler

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

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