



SCHOOL FUNDING TASK FORCE

Thursday, September 7, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)
- 10:10 a.m. Comments by the Chairman regarding the responsibilities of the task force
- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY**
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of elementary and secondary education state aid and the funding formula
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding school funding litigation
- 11:00 a.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding:
- Final enrollment and state school aid, transportation aid, and special education contract costs during the 2021-23 biennium;
 - An update on enrollment and state school aid to be provided during the 2023-25 biennium;
 - An analysis of the impact of state school aid formula changes approved by the Legislative Assembly on state school aid and progress regarding the transition of school districts to the formula;
 - Information regarding the impact of transition minimum reductions on reorganized and consolidated school districts; and
 - School districts that have multiple buildings in the district and the impact of transition minimum reductions on reorganized and consolidated school districts
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Education Commission of the States regarding school funding models, student and school district characteristics, special education, and revenue sources
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Center for Distance Education regarding enrollments and the cost of distance education, comparing the costs of different methods of instruction delivery, including synchronous compared to asynchronous instruction
- 3:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion

- 3:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding transportation aid for elementary and secondary education, including how the aid is determined and distributed; school district location, size, and student enrollment; school district reporting requirements; school district transportation costs and reimbursements; and department oversight
- 3:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 4:10 p.m. Discussion regarding task force membership and objectives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Donald Schaible (Chairman), Jay Elkin, David S. Rust

Representatives: Pat D. Heinert, Jim Jonas, Eric James Murphy, Anna S. Novak, David Richter, Mark Sanford, Cynthia Schreiber-Beck

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