



## SCHOOL FUNDING TASK FORCE

Thursday, September 19, 2024  
Harvest Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 26, 2024, meeting](#)
- 10:05 a.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding:
- Uses of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds allocated to school districts, including amounts allocated to school districts and the percentage of those funds expended to date;
  - Uses of discretionary Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction, including funding allocations for various programs and partnerships;
  - An update on enrollment, state school aid, special education contract grants, and transportation grants to be provided during the 2023-25 biennium and updated cost to continue estimates for the 2025-27 biennium;
  - The administration of mobile home tax revenue and revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of the homestead credit and disabled veterans' credit in the state school aid formula; and
  - A summary of the benefits of and incentives to promote school district consolidation
- 10:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Senator Michelle Axtman, Education Committee Chairman, regarding an update on the committee's school choice study
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 11:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders regarding the cost of delinquent school meal accounts
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Kansas State Department of Education regarding Kansas school construction programs and funding
- 1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Wyoming State Construction Department regarding Wyoming K-12 school construction [programs](#) and funding
- 2:20 p.m. [Comments](#) by representatives of a school construction coalition regarding an update on the work of the coalition
- 2:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of North Dakota Small Organized Schools regarding incentives to promote school district consolidation and how consolidation may lead to construction incentives

- 3:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 3:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Steve Holen, Superintendent, McKenzie County Public School District #1, regarding a school transportation study conducted in partnership with the University of North Dakota
- 3:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the ability of state procurement to bid schoolbuses and statutory changes needed to allow for group purchasing of buses
- 3:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion
- 3:50 p.m. Task force discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

**Task Force 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

Citizen Members: Levi Bachmeier, Brandt Dick, Rick Diegel, Steve Holen, Stephanie Hunter, Mike Lautenschlager, Maria Neset, Luke Schaefer, Adam Tescher

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