Fiscal Policy Workgroup – Commission to Study School Funding

AGENDA 5/7/20 2PM

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Agenda
2:00   Call to Order (roll call members, others present)
2:10   Tech check (Jordan)
2:20   Reacquaint with Design Thinking process (Jordan/Dave)
       How will design thinking guide fiscal policy tasks?
       What are the problems to solve?
       What are possible solutions?
       Develop guiding assumptions to frame the issues and iterate on fiscal policy options
2:30   Review task list
       1.   Identify all current revenue sources (local/state/federal/grants) for PK-12 education
       2.   Identify changes in level and mix of those revenue sources (1999-2020)
       3.   Identify variable impacts on local districts of current funding sources and levels
       4.   What does “equitable” mean in the context of fiscal policy
       5.   Distribution of state funding to assure fiscal neutrality in each District
       6.   Model fiscal policy options for a variety of funding levels, revenue sources, equitable factors and the distribution of education funding costs across class A, B, and C properties
       7.   Propose alternative sources and mix of revenues to achieve for every child an equal opportunity for an adequate education, with pros and cons of each
       What’s missing and what needs to be changed?
       What data will we need and how will we get it?
       How do we get there?
       Coordinate with AWG, EWG and research contractor

Homework
Review DRA Presentation from March 2