Fiscal Policy Work Group - Commission to Study School Funding

AGENDA 6/1/20 1PM

Members
Dave Luneau (chair), John Beardmore, Mary Heath, Chris Dwyer, Dick Ames, Rick Ladd

Agenda

1:00 Call to Order (roll call members, others present), Tech check

1:15 Review NH Supreme Court Guidelines for Education Funding and what that means for FP/Commission
   - State’s duty to provide adequate education
   - NH as the “taxing district” for education
   - Proportionate and reasonable taxation – equal in valuation, uniform in rate
   - Constitutional sources of taxation

2:00 Welcome Adequacy Work Group Members

2:10 Presentation by John Tobin and Michael Tierney

Work Group Tasks

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

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