Commission to Study School Funding (RSA 193-E:2-e)

Meeting Agenda
September 21, 2020, 2-4 pm

Website: https://carsey.unh.edu/school-funding
http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/1506/

General Email: schoolfunding.commission@unh.edu

2:00 Welcome
Roll call
Tech check for Commission members and attendees
Chair’s comments
Group agreements
Approval of minutes for September 10, 2020 Commission meeting

2:15 AIR Final Report (with edits), sections 4 and 5, Drew Atchison

Key issues for discussion (based on questions received from Commission members):

1. Comparing the AIR base adequacy amounts with existing NH DOE input based adequacy cost estimates
2. District size effects; graduated/linear scale vs. cliff cut-offs
3. Concentration (addressed in memo from AIR)
4. Transportation in or out of the base amount; effect on calculation of weights
5. Special education—high vs. low need populations (distinct from Cat Aid)
6. Treatment of cooperative districts in the formula
7. Disaggregating debt service (principal, interest) and what if any to include
8. Use of the simulator – cautions and guidance
9. Constitutional “adequacy” vs. funding for adequate and equitable resources
10. Adoption of an outcomes-based funding formula, and how to translate that into statutory language

3:15 Process for receiving/accepting the final AIR report

3:30 Budget update; additional AIR consulting expenses

3:40 Public Comments

4:00 Adjourn

TBD – October and November commission and workgroup meeting schedule

Direct public comments to Commission Chair David Luneau at schoolfunding.commission@unh.edu

Next public comment periods: Wednesday, September 23, 4-5 pm dedicated for current and recent high school graduates; Wednesday, September 30, 4-5 pm, open to all.