

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

Meeting Agenda

October 19, 2020, 1-4:30 pm

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1:00 **Welcome**

Roll call

Tech check for Commission members and attendees

Chair's comments and group agreements

Approval of minutes for October 5, 2020 Commission meeting

1:15 **Discussion of Education Cost Model**, including explanation of regression analysis to generate differential aid weights – Drew Atchison

1:45 **Workgroup updates** (30 min. each)

Engagement:

- Granite State Poll results
- Focus group summaries (youth, taxpayers, seniors)
- Final report, educators survey (pending)
- Outreach packet for Commission members (pending)
- Upcoming engagement, including legislator's briefing and municipal and school leaders convening, Oct. 27

Adequacy:

- Base adequacy, transportation, and differentiated weights – recommendation to accept these provisionally and include them in the adequacy cost model going forward
- Treatment of middle school grades in K-8 schools
- Analysis of categorical funding programs – CTE, early childhood, catastrophic aid, building aid (pending, to be completed by Oct. 26)

Fiscal Policy:

- Alternative approaches to first/last dollar, state responsibility for education funding
- MA chapter 70 funding plan
- Statewide property tax, administrative issues and circuit breaker/tax relief program (pending, to be completed by Oct. 26)
- LBA role in modeling fiscal policy using ECM data

- 3:15 **Final report structure and contents**, and timeline for drafting
- 3:30 **Key questions remaining**; policy recommendations vs. policy considerations
- 4:15 **Public Comments**
- 4:30 **Adjourn**

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

Next public comment period: Oct. 28, 4-5 pm