



SCHOOL FUNDING TASK FORCE

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the November 28, 2023, meeting](#)

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY

10:05 a.m. [Presentations](#) by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding:

- An update on enrollment and state school aid to be provided during the 2023-25 biennium;
- Transportation cost per student for each school district and the percent of transportation costs reimbursed by school district; and
- The cost to reimburse all school districts at the same percentage

10:20 a.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

10:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion

11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the [Department of Public Instruction](#), [North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders](#), and [North Dakota Regional Education Association](#) regarding school district accountability related to special education funding

11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion

12:00 noon Recess

1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Levi Bachmeier, Business Manager, West Fargo Public Schools, regarding the impact of the elimination of property tax on K-12 education

1:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion

1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Bank of North Dakota regarding options for increasing funds available in the school construction assistance revolving loan fund

2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of a school construction coalition regarding the work of the coalition

2:20 p.m. Presentation by Representatives [Richter](#) and [Murphy](#) regarding school construction scenarios

3:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons and task force discussion

3:30 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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