

K-12 Funding Formula Technical Working Group

Established by Chapter 548, Laws 2009 (ESHB 2261)

Julie Salvi, Office of Financial Management

K-12 Funding Formula Technical Work Group

David Iseminger	Lake Stevens School District	School Board Director
Shawn Lewis	North Thurston Public Schools	Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Michael Mann	Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee	Managing Consultant
Doug Matson	West Valley School District	Deputy Superintendent, Operations
Tim Merlino/ Brett Blechschmidt	Educational Service District 112	Chief Finance Officer / Assistant Fiscal Officer
Sheryl Moore	Renton School District	Executive Director, Employee Relations
Doug Nelson	Public School Employees	Director of Governmental Relations
Stephen Nielsen	Puget Sound Educational Service District	Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services
Randy Parr	Washington Education Association	Budget Analyst / Lobbyist
Rich Puryear	Richland School District	Executive Director, Financial Services
Jennifer Shaw	Franklin Pierce Schools	Principal, Franklin Pierce High School
Neil Sullivan	Spokane Public Schools	Executive Director, Finance
Farley Walker	Ellensburg School District	Business Manager
Carolyn Webb	Mukilteo School District	Executive Director, Business Services

K-12 Funding Formula Technical Working Group

- Working group will be monitored and overseen by the Legislature and the Quality Education Council.
- The working group will submit recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2009.

K-12 Funding Formula

Technical Working Group

Office of Financial Management (OFM), with assistance and support from Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), will convene a technical working group to:

1. Develop the details of the funding formulas under 28A.150.260 (Section 106 of ESHB 2261);
2. Recommend to the Legislature an implementation schedule for phasing-in any increased program or instructional requirements concurrently with increases in funding; and
3. Examine possible sources of revenue to support increases in funding allocations and present options to the Legislature and the Quality Education Council.

Implementation Plan Overview

- Technical Working Group and QEC must each prepare recommended implementation plan.
- Defining the starting point is the first phase of work for the Technical Working Group.
 - On August 20th, the discussion started regarding the structure of a prototype school funding formula and how to represent current funding in the new structure.
 - Expect to finish the recommendations to define the starting point in September and present those recommendations at the next QEC meeting.

Implementation Plan Overview

- Next steps include setting assumptions for implementation and providing recommendations on how changes are phased in over time.
 - Technical working group can inform the discussion on implementation by bringing school district and educator perspectives and providing information on local capacity.
 - In its oversight role, the QEC can advise the Funding Formula Technical Working Group on assumptions to make regarding implementation. Discussion of this topic is scheduled for September QEC meeting.

August 20th Meeting Summary

- Recommended that general allocations and calculations for prototype schools be based on district-wide enrollment rather than district-defined school enrollments
- Debate regarding appropriate enrollment level for poverty-based elements
- Discussion of how to represent current system in the new prototype model. Example: How to represent lump-sum Non-Employee Related Costs (NERC) in new categories of Maintenance, Supplies and Operating Costs (MSOC)
- Created ad hoc group to look at planning time assumption that is needed to show assumed class size

Meeting Schedule

- August 20th – Puget Sound ESD
- September 3rd – Highline Community College
- September 17th – Puget Sound ESD
- October 8th – Puget Sound ESD
- October 22nd – Highline Community College
- November 5th – Olympia
- November 12th – Olympia
- November 19th – Tentative – Possible Conference Call

Working Group Updates

- Meeting reminders and general updates to an email listserve.

Send email to: LISTSERV@LISTSERV.WA.GOV with the following command in the body of the email:

SUBSCRIBE K12-FUNDING-FORMULA-TECHWKGP

- Information regarding next meeting and prior meeting documents on website:

<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/k12funding/>