

Tennessee Funding Review Engagement

Rural and Small Districts Subcommittee

January 20, 2022 | 11:30 CST | MS Teams

Statement

The Tennessee Department of Education is excited to work with you on this opportunity to discuss the State's formula for funding public education. Before we begin, the Department would like to remind you of the following:

- Conversations on this topic are not intended to reflect on the current BEP funding formula. The current BEP funding formula will remain in place until a new funding formula is recommended to and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly.
- The public is encouraged to submit comments in writing to ensure that all communications are thoroughly documented and can be reviewed and considered in the future.
- Public comment is encouraged to focus on developing a new funding formula, rather than revising the current funding formula. Consider what should be funded in a new funding formula and at what level.
- Subcommittees will be responsible for reviewing public comment and making recommendations for what should be included in a new funding formula.
- While all committees, subcommittees, and members of the public should feel free to communicate openly, documents and records may be subject to public inspection pursuant to the Tennessee Public Records Act and may be publicly posted or otherwise made available .
- All recommendations that are submitted by committees and subcommittees will be reviewed and considered, but not all recommendations will ultimately be included in the proposed new funding formula.



Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Statement
- Roll Call and Attendance
- Updates: Steering Committee, New Resources
- Discussion: Follow-ups from Meeting #4
- Feedback on Proposals
- Next Meeting Details

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Review: Meeting #4 Follow-ups

January Preview

▪ Meeting #5

- Review public comment on draft framework and then make final recommendations on components
- Materials: public comment, requested materials, Steering Committee feedback

▪ Meeting #6

- Final policy considerations (ex. how to define each student groups, recommendations on policies)
- Recommendations on reporting structures
- Materials: public comment, requested resources



Prioritization

Finalizing Resource Prioritization Lists

Finalize Supports and Services

Please finalize your supports and services recommendation list into the buckets outlined (and note which part of the formula they should be considered).

- **Must Have:** Those supports and services required as a result of federal and/or state law, for safety, or similar.
- **Should Have:** Those supports and services that may not be mandatory but are essential to ensure the student or student group receives access to a quality education.
- **Nice to Have:** Those supports and services that are not mandatory and not essential, but (1) may provide a clear and added benefit to students and (2) have a clear return on the investment related to student achievement and future success.
- **Long Shot:** All other supports and services ideas.

Policy Discussion

Feedback Consolidated for
Subcommittee Comment and Review



Policies

Please discuss and provide feedback on policies would you like considered in the draft formula. (Please see the recommendations sheet)

Next Meeting Details

- January 27
- 11:30 CST
- MS Teams
- Final Meeting