

CDE MEETING AGENDA



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Meeting Logistics & Desired Outcomes

MEETING:	Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee Trust Fund Discussion
DATE & TIME:	October 30 2019; 10:00- 4:00 pm
LOCATION:	Zoom
MEETING LEAD:	Jon Paul Burden, Paul Foster
MEETING PARTICIPANTS: <i>(Who most needs to attend?)</i>	Heather Abraham, Sarah Belleau, Moira Blake, Kim Boylan, Jon Paul Burden, Callan Ware, Paul Foster, Samantha Gallagher, Vicki Graham, Gina Lanier, Sandy Malouff, Nita McAuliffe, Carolena Steen, Lynnette Steinhoff, Tamara Durbin
MEETING OBJECTIVES: <i>(Is a meeting necessary to accomplish the objectives?)</i>	Finalize Legislative Report; discuss upcoming collection

Agenda Items and Next Steps

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9:00	Announcements	
9:05	Legislative Report finalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received draft numbers from School Finance yesterday, now in the Gap report. Numbers are a little skewed, we're getting assistance from School Finance to figure things out. It appears that CSI is making \$2 million off their preschool program. A second issue is that Colorado Digital BOCES received ECEA funding in 17-18. The special ed preschool program is about \$4 million less than expected. Legislative reports are getting more scrutiny and therefore, the SEFAC legislative report will be getting copy edited by Dale Ulland, who has done some work for us on other reports. Basic editing, punctuation, etc. Paul and Vicki will review what Dale sends back, then it goes on to Melissa Colman for final editing, then back to Paul to continue on the process to State Board of Education for final review before going to the Legislature. Jon Paul understands the need for basic copy editing as long as the content is not lost. Asking for a quick phone call or Zoom if need be after editing is finished. On the Gap report, Charter School Institute, it appears they are making money off their special ed kids, Vicki asked School Finance to take a look at that, they will meet today to discuss. It's possible that CSI only enrolling students with mild or moderate needs, they don't have the high cost situations that other AUs have. CSI asked to receive that amount of money and did receive it, even though they didn't have the expenditures for it. Their expenditures don't add up to what they're requesting for reimbursement from Part B funds. There has to be wrong calculations or data reported to indicate how they have such an overage of Tier B. This may also be an indication of other anomalies within the report, they just aren't

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		<p>as obvious. Tamara can check on Northeast BOCES's numbers reported on the GAP report. Special Ed preschool finance (column H), is a report on the website from School Finance that are SWD reported by each AU x the funded pupil amount. This year, they felt that number was taken before budget stabilization was applied. The lower number is actually the accurate number AUs received for total program, which adjusted everything down by \$4 million. In the past, the Federal Payments have shown to be exactly what expenditures were, but is not an accurate picture. This year, they took what was actually received by the AUs. Comparing last year's GAP report to this year's there are big anomalies. Jennifer Austin did report last year that the numbers didn't match when she did the data review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will send the report minus the GAP report to Dale Ulland, and replace the hopefully fixed Gap report in the report afterward. The body of the report is what Dale will focus on. • Special Ed numbers are what we get from School Finance – this shows Colorado Digital BOCES received ECEA funding in 17-18. They were not an Administrative Unit until this current fiscal year. The expenditure number is good enough that we should be able to work on the recommendations. In 17-18, they were listed as part of El Paso 49, so that's who received ECEA funds. It's possible the amount reported was also included in El Paso 49s report, it may be redundant. Question about why the BOCES is even showing up in this report. Expenditures from last year were reported under El Paso 49, but the revenue is shown separately. • There's a lot of pressure to make sure the GAP report is accurate. It shows exactly what's going on with high cost. Paul will follow up with School Finance and Grants Fiscal to drill down the numbers. Are there other points that are not being caught? • Vicki will check everyone's ECEA payments versus what's posted. Everyone will verify their own AU numbers. Tamara reports that their numbers are over \$1 million off. Jon Paul as well. It may not be showing high cost, although Jon Paul didn't get high cost reimbursement. No obvious rhyme or reason. • For the report's recommendations: Tier A – we can do the calculations and update. For Tier B – because the GAP report is off, it's hard to make a decision on the recommendation until the report is accurate. We need to check the 24.8 million and 50% of the cap. Those calculations will need to be fixed. It looks like Tier A could change to say 26.1 million. • Include inflation chart. • Include information from Consortium's report regarding Tier B. • EIE Committee referral in the Part C recommendations portion. CDE will work with partners to fully evaluate actual Part C evaluations. • Two new AUs were added in 17-18, which will prevent getting the GAP report on one page. Does the committee want the report to extend to a second page? Committee says as long as all columns are on one sheet, having the extra rows go to the next page. • Jon Paul testified to the JBC about our current figures of statutory intent. Reevaluate the \$6000 threshold and develop a mechanism for annual increases for Tier B. • Vicki will send the final GAP report to the committee once it's fixed. The final report will be sent when it's back from copyediting. The fixed GAP report shouldn't ultimately change the committee's recommendations. • Vicki will find the inflation chart separately to see if the committee wants it included in the report. • Trust fund interest does compound. • Kim will create Doodle poll to schedule meetings for trust fund. December and February.
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