



Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students

AGENDA

July 7, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

Capitol Visitor Center, Pierre, SD

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Welcome – <i>Governor Dennis Daugaard</i>
Introductions – <i>Senator Deb Soholt, Representative Jacqueline Sly</i>
Scope of Work
Summary Progress to Date |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | Current South Dakota School Funding
- <i>Tami Darnall – Department of Education, Chief Financial Officer</i>
- <i>Jim Terwilliger – Bureau Finance & Management, State Economist</i>
- <i>Michael Houdyshell – Department of Revenue, Director Property & Taxes</i> |
| 12:30-1:15 | Working Lunch |
| 1:15– 2:15 | Education Expenditures & Teacher Salaries in South Dakota
- <i>Michael Griffith, Education Commission of the States, Senior School Financial Analyst</i> |
| 2:15 – 2:30 | Break |
| 2:30 – 3:30 | Education Expenditures & Teacher Salaries Cont. with Michael Griffith |
| 3:30 – 4:30 | Dialogue & Next Steps – <i>Michael Griffith, Sen. Soholt, Rep. Sly</i> |
| 4:45 | Adjourn |

Michael Griffith

Education Commission of the States - Senior Policy Analyst

Mike Griffith serves as the senior school finance analyst for ECS. He has worked in the field of school finance policy for the past 15 years with ECS, the consulting firm of Augenblick & Myers and the Michigan State Senate. His research has focused on the condition of state budgets, the adequacy and equity of state finance formulas, and promising practices in funding programs for high-need students. Mike is an expert resource to national news media and has been quoted more than 250 times by such outlets as CNN, Education Week, NBC Nightly News, National Public Radio and The New York Times. Mike holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, a master's degree in public administration from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in education management from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.