Objective: To study current special education funding needs and to make recommendations as to how the State can increase special education funding and ease the financial burden on school districts.

Agenda

I. Welcome

II. Minutes

III. Discussion Items
   a) Updated consensus form – comments received to date and any other comments submitted writing.
   b) Address capacity and issues associated with tracking individual student costs in both public and private settings as a method for allowing for equal fiscal treatment in both settings.
   c) Discuss the three basic recommendations in the latest report attempting to see if we can, hone, refine and get a sense of chances for Task Force consensus.
   d) Discuss additional, or perhaps conflicting, specific recommendations that Task Force members may wish to put forth.
   e) Get some sense through a vote of relative consensus for all of the proposed recommendations on the table as an indication of the relative degree of consensus.
   f) Present and discuss some specific formula alternatives for Task Force members to consider and discuss and perhaps vote on as an indication of degree of consensus.

IV. Public Participation

V. Recommended Next Steps
   • One more meeting prior to completion of draft final report to be shared for final comments and discussion at the final Task Force meeting in June.
   • Interim steps
   • Best ways to spend remaining time prior to Task Force completion.

VI. Wrap Up
   • Next meeting is May 12, 2010

(An audio recording of this meeting will be maintained by ISBE.)