



# Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance

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*(September 10, 2007)*

and

October 20, 2008



## E2SSB 5627

1. Created the task force
2. Established the membership
3. Assigned responsibilities
4. Addressed the staffing
5. Designated resources to be used
6. Set timelines for WSIPP reports
7. Required consideration of certain issues
8. Provided criteria



## Responsibilities of the Task Force

- Review the definition of basic education
- Review all current basic education funding formulas
- Develop options for a new funding structure and all the necessary formulas
- Propose a new definition of basic education



# Resources

Task force to review and build upon the following:

- Reports produced for and by WA Learns
- High-quality studies that are available
- WSIPP research reviews as previously directed by the legislature



## Criteria for the new funding structure (5627)

- Unique, stable and adequate
- Supportive & aligned with the goals, vision & new expectations established in the final WA Learns report & the basic education provisions in current law
- Based on research-proven education programs/activities
- Reflective of the most effective instructional strategies & service delivery models
- Have demonstrated cost benefits
- Provide maximum transparency
- Be linked to accountability for student outcomes and performance



## Issues to be considered (ESSSB 5627)

- Professional development for all staff
- Elements of instructional staff compensation, including
  - Pay for performance, knowledge, and skill
  - Cost-of-living
  - Recognition of difficult assignments
  - Recognition of professional level of certificate
- A plan for implementing the pay structure
- Voluntary all-day kindergarten
- Optimum class size
- Focused instructional support for students and schools
- Extended school day and school year options
- Health & safety requirements

### Issues added in 2008

- Issues related to equalizing school employee salary allocations among school districts. (SSB 6879)
- Staffing ratios & other components needed to support career & technical education programs (2SSB 6377)

# WSIPP Reports to the Task Force

## **Initial Report:** *(due Sept. 15, 2007)*

- Plan of action
- Reporting dates
- Timelines for considering specified issues
- An initial timeline for phase-in implementation

## **Second Report:** *(due Dec. 1, 2007)*

- 2 to 4 options for allocating school employee *compensation*
  - 1 option must be a redirection/prioritization within existing resources
- A projection of the expected effect of the investment made under the new structure
- A finalized timeline and plan for addressing the remaining components of the new funding system

## **Final report:** *(due Sept. 15, 2008)*

- 2 to 4 options for the remaining K-12 funding structure
  - 1 option must be a redirection/prioritization within existing resources
- A projection of the expected effect of the investment made under the new structure
- A timeline for phasing in the new funding structure
- Necessary implementing legislation

# Reporting requirement for the Task Force

## Added in 2008: (SSB 6879)

- Report by the Task Force to the Legislature by **December 1, 2008.**
- Report to include information on:
  - The review of the definition of basic education & the current funding formulas;
  - Options for a new funding structure & all necessary formulas;
  - Proposal for a new definition of basic education; and
  - The issues considered related to equalizing school employee salary allocations among school districts.