

Draft Staff Summary of Basic Education Finance Joint Task Force Remaining Decisions from Proposals

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Basic education definition: goals		Sufficient time for Core 24 (assumed in the preliminary decision to use legislators' proposal to set time and staffing levels)		Tied to high school graduation requirements	Tied to college admissions standards
Student outcomes: Testing		Implement a common diagnostic assessment system			Replace the WASL with a national or international standardized test
Diplomas		Adopt Core 24			Four diplomas (mastery, achievement, completion, individual)
CTE Skills Centers	Increase staffing and NERCs				
Other Special Programs		State-funded online learning system; Alternative secondary programs	Behavioral support programs; Extracurricular funding	Targeted K-12 Intervention Fund (innovative programs); "13 th Year" (free tuition for first year of post-secondary)	
Classified staff salaries (unclear whether a decision was made)	Allocate by categories based on weighted average of classified state employees	Allocate by categories based on current statewide average actual salaries Regional wage adjustments	Allocate by categories based on current statewide average actual salaries Additional COLA increases	Allocate salaries based on annual compensation survey	Merge classified staff into state personnel system

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Salary Equalization (defer until collective bargaining and other salary decisions are made)	Equalize	Phase-out unequal allocations by slowing increases in districts with higher allocations	Addressed if comparable wage index is adopted for salary allocation adjustments	Addressed in new compensation system	Equalize (raise all districts to the district with the highest allocation)
Small School District Funding Adjustments (defer until other decisions are made)	Maintain	Maintain	Increase	Maintain	Eliminate
Levies (defer until other decisions are made)		Set levy lid at 30%. Equalize based on defined range of per-student funding		Consider eliminating the levy lid but maintain equalization	After basic education is fully funded, eliminate levy lid and equalization
State Revenue Sources (defer until other decisions are made)		K-12 gets larger % of state budget growth until reaches 50% of general fund	Transfer portion of revenues in excess of prior biennium's general fund to basic education account; increase state property tax and put revenues into basic education account		
Phase-in (defer until other decisions are made)	8 years	6 years	6 years		