

Approved Work Plan and Budget of the Funding Formula Study Task Force

The funding formula study task force was created pursuant to Laws 2005, Chapter 49. The function of the task force is to approve the request for proposals for a contractor to study the public school funding formula and to select the contractor.

The task force is composed of the following legislative members:

Rep. Mimi Stewart, co-chairwoman	Rep. Brian K. Moore
Sen. Vernon D. Asbill	Sen. Cynthia Nava
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales	Sen. James G. Taylor

Public members are:

Mr. Robert Archuleta	Ms. Lilliemae Ortiz
Dr. V. Sue Cleveland	Mr. Dick Pool
Mr. Jack Jenkins	Mr. Dennis Roch
Mr. Randy Manning	Ms. Karen White

Advisory legislative members are:

Sen. Ben D. Altamirano	Sen. Gay G. Kernan
Rep. Gail C. Beam	Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Sen. Mark Boitano	Rep. Terry T. Marquardt
Rep. William "Ed" Boykin	Rep. Rick Miera
Sen. Pete Campos	Sen. Mary Kay Papen
Rep. Joni M. Gutierrez	Sen. Bernadette M. Sanchez
Rep. Jimmie C. Hall	Rep. Richard D. Vigil

Advisory public members are:

Mr. James M. Phipps
Mr. Manuel F. Valdez

Staff for the task force will be provided by the legislative council service, legislative education study committee, legislative finance committee, public education department and the office of education accountability.

The task force recognizes its multiyear task and proposes to focus during the 2005 interim on understanding the historical development of the public school funding formula and the public policy decisions that are reflected in the current funding formula. The task force will:

- (1) review previous studies of the New Mexico funding formula and piecemeal amendments to the formula since the last major revisions in 1997;
- (2) review funding formulas and mechanisms in other states;

(3) scope issues of concern preparatory to developing the request for proposals (RFP), including:

(a) evaluating current factors in the funding formula;

(b) evaluating public education policy decisions that affect the formula;
and

(c) identifying education reform policies and decisions the state supports in the public school budget; and

(4) consider and make recommendations to the legislature on critical transitional issues, including how funding for required three-tier salaries will be handled in the general appropriation act.

The task force will also compile information on other states' experiences in conducting comprehensive funding formula studies, including costs, which will assist the task force in making recommendations to the legislature and governor for funding the New Mexico study.

Prior to developing the RFP, the task force will seek input from school districts, school staffs, parents, business groups and other interested persons. The task force will interact with the relevant professional associations and will provide information to their members at annual meetings where possible. The task force proposes two two-day meetings in representative areas around the state, at which it will hold evening meetings to provide briefings to the public on the funding formula and seek input on formula-related concerns. The task force requests legislative council approval to meet outside of Santa Fe after September.

Approved Meeting Schedule and Budget

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 8	Santa Fe
Aug 1-2	Santa Fe
Sept 12-13	Silver City
Oct 12-13	Carlsbad**
Nov 7-8	Santa Fe

** Task force needs approval for its October meeting outside of Santa Fe.