School Finance
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The School Finance Puzzle

Can All the Ideas
Policies and Funding Fit together?
The School Finance Puzzle

- State Budget Improves
- Legislative Options
- Lobato
- Update Costing Out Work Base Amount
- Partnership – TAG – Sen. Johnston
- What is year 1 goal?
- What is multi year plan?
- Federal fiscal implications

Measuring / Defining School Finance Success

- Where are we now?
- What information do we need?
- Changing School Finance?
  - Change the formula?
  - Increase funding?
  - Does it support the accountability system and education objectives?
Where to Begin?

• How much does it cost?
• What is the beginning amount or “base”?  
• What is outside the “base” amount?  
  — Student characteristics  
  — District characteristics  
  — Categoricals  
  — Transportation and Facilities

School Finance Principles

• Is it:  
  — Adequate (enough)?  
  — Equitable (fair)?  
• Research-based?  
• Is it Constitutional?  
• Does it address problems identified in Lobato?  
• Have we defined a plan to implement?
Critical to Engage:
Discussions taking place now & during the session

Engage Now

• Your Voice is Important.
• Your District issues are important.
• Your students are important.
• All 800,000 students are important.
• The stakes are too high and the time is now.
Other States

- Have other states been successful in making changes?
- Approaches
- How long?
- On-going?
- Measurable?

Questions & Concerns

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