

TO: Funds Structure Task Force
 FROM: Eddy McClure, Legislative Services Division
 RE: Aug. 4 Conference call Meeting--Funds Structure Task Force

This group is being organized by the Legislative Services Division, which provides staff support for Legislative interim committees including the Quality Schools Interim Committee (QSIC).

The goals of this group are to:

- 1) consider accounting and budgeting issues related to the new school funding formula that is expected to be proposed to the Legislature in December 2005; and
- 2) make recommendations to the QSIC based on the participants' broad knowledge and experience in school finance.

The next conference call will be held:

August 4, 2005

9:00 a.m. to noon.

Call 1-888-224-5889

Conference Password: 6250

(Note—We only have a limited number of ports reserved for task force members. Please don't distribute this number to others.)

The Helena attendees will meet in Room 137 of the Capitol.

A notice of all fund structure work sessions will be posted on the Quality Schools Interim Committee website. The notes will be posted on the QSIC website following each meeting.

Notes from the 7/11/05 meeting and all reference materials being used are posted (see ANNOUNCEMENTS):

http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2005_2006/qual_schools/default.asp

Tentative Timeline: (note changes since last meeting)

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| Aug. 4 | Task Force Conference Call [9:00 a.m – noon]
Further discussion of concept/policy questions and issues |
| Aug. 30 | Quality Schools Interim Committee Meeting (Helena)
Delivery of final report by RC Wood & Associates (contractor) on needs assessment and cost study |
| Sept. 8 (tentative) | Task Force Conference Call [9:00 a.m – noon, will send email with call-in instructions]
Discussion of Aug. 30 Committee meeting
Final discussion of concept/policy questions and issues and recommendations for MCA changes? Final report? |

At this time, we are anticipating that this work will be done using conference calls and additional email correspondence. If you have questions about the conference call scheduled for August 4, please call Eddy McClure at 406-444-3064 or emcclure@mt.gov.

Attachment:

Agenda for 8/4/05 conference call