COMMISSIONER'S WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL FUNDING

Reporting Back

Voting procedure: Decisions to be based on 2/3 of quorum.

Tentative positions: April 20, 2011 meeting

Issue #1: All-day kindergarten

Working group supports and acknowledges the importance of all-day kindergarten for all children and support targeted funding based on poverty at this time with a long-term goal of phasing in-state funding for all students in the future.

Concerns:

- Needs to be optional.
- Some districts may have facilities or space issues.
- Transportation costs.

Issue #2 Formula Simplification

Pupil weighting

Working group finds there is value in simplifying the pupil weighting by having elementary be weighted at 1.0 and grades 7-12 weighted at either 1.16 or 1.2 with an adjustment in the formula to either \$5,571 or \$5,685 to reflect this change.

Issue #3 Referendum Roll-in and Uniform General Education Levy

Working group wishes to move forward and further explore the option of a uniform general education levy by rolling a portion of the referendum revenue into the basic formula.

Concerns:

- This done as part of package of changes.
- What will be new referenda cap?
- No increases in overall levy target.
- How significant is impact of redistribution of property taxes among districts?