

Commission to Reform Public Education Funding and Improve Student Performance in Maine

Road Map for 2016 – Topics and Resources

(Subject to change based on Commission preferences and availability of resources)

Meeting 1: REBOOT THE COMMISSION – Completed

Meeting 2: INTRODUCTION TO THE STATE FUNDING FORMULA

Date: September 26, 2016
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: RSU #17 Central Office
232 Main Street
South Paris, ME 04281

Topics:

- EPS 101 and trends in Maine education funding
- Regionalization of Special Education Services

Presentations:

- Suzan Beaudoin
 - Dr. Betsy Webb
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Meeting 3: DEEPER DIVE INTO STATE FUNDING FORMULA

Date: October 17, 2016
Location: Lewiston Regional Technical Center
156 East Avenue
Lewiston, ME 04240

Topics:

- Deeper dive into EPS, including components of interest to the Commission
- Picus Report
- Follow-up on areas of interest from Meeting 2

Presentations:

- Jim Rier
 - Dr. David Silvernail
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Meeting 4: 21st CENTURY WORKFORCE – Implications For Public Education

Date: October 31, 2016

Location: TBD

Potential Topics:

- Maine's workforce needs
- University and Community College
- Career and Technical Education
- Education workforce:
 - Teacher compensation
 - Alternate pathways for certification (second career)
 - Principals / school leaders
 - Superintendent cliff
 - Regionalization of administrative functions
 - Substitute teachers

Presentations:

- TBD based on interest and availability
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Meeting 5: LITERACY – Everyone Reading At Grade Level By Age 8

Date: November 28, 2016

Location: TBD

Potential Topics:

- What would it really mean if we achieved this goal?
- Post-secondary remediation challenges
- Exploring existing programs for high risk populations (e.g., Long Creek Youth Development Center, Jobs for Maine Graduates)

Presentations:

- Maine DOE & external experts
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Meeting 6: Review and Approve Recommendations / Report Out

Date: December 12, 2016

Location: TBD