

Supplementary Recommendations

In March 2013, the Education Committees voted to amend the 2012 adequacy report entitled “A Report on Legislative Hearings for the 2012 Interim Study on Educational Adequacy.” The Committees approved the addition of supplementary information on the impact of National School Lunch funding and made the following recommendations.

- 1.) Replace the current NSLA funding mechanism with a smoother funding model that provides funding for economically disadvantaged students on a sliding scale. This model should weight the funding to provide more money to districts for students who qualify for free lunches than it provides for students qualifying for reduced price lunches.
- 2.) Prioritize and focus districts’ allowable uses of educational funding for economically disadvantaged students.
- 3.) Replace Recommendation #2 in the November 1, 2012 version of the adequacy report with the following:

The Education Committees recommended adopting an inflationary adjustment of 2.0% to be applied to the per-pupil foundation amount for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. A portion of that increase (0.2%) is intended to support an increase in the minimum district contribution to employees’ participation in the Public School Employees Health Insurance Plan. A 1.8% increase should be applied to three of the categorical funds: English Language Learners, Alternative Learning Environment and Professional Development.