Minnesota Department of Education

Agenda:

6:00 pm **Welcome and introductions:**

Mary Cecconi, Parents United & Member of Work Group

Tom Nelson, Retired Superintendent & Member of Work Group

Charge to Work Group: Make recommendations for a school funding model that:

- Focuses on supporting students and results (accountable)
- Allows decisions to be made closest to delivery of service (supports students, teachers & schools)
- Meets our commitments (adequate, equitable)
- Provides greater flexibility in how funds are used (preserves local control)
- Is more transparent, rational and comprehensible (simplification)
- Is structurally sound, yet nimble enough to meet emerging needs (sustainable)

6:10 pm **Overview Presentation:**

Dr. Tom Melcher, Director of School Finance, MDE

6:30 pm **Discussion Points**

- How should education funding be structured to meet the needs of all kids? What changes would you suggest for better use of resources and closing gaps?
- What would be your suggestions for addressing special education needs and the state's cross subsidy(the amount of mandated special edcuation costs that are not currently funded by state or federal government?)?
- What role should property taxes play in funding our schools?
- Are there ways to simplify education funding while still holding districts and schools accountable for spending decisions and student results?
- How can education funding be more flexible and nimble to reflect changes in our student populations, the delivery of services and ongoing changes in expectations for student success?
- What are some of the unmet needs you see in education?
- What new ideas do you have for improving the delivery of education and how education is funded?

For more information

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