



# School Funding Interim Commission

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Commissioners,

This packet contains additional background information to address some more of the questions and information requests generated at your first meeting and in the follow-up survey. **Please bring the enclosed materials along with previously distributed materials with you to the January meeting.** All of these materials are posted to the commission webpage. Many of the documents include links to statutory references and other resources, so you may find it beneficial to use the online documents to access these resources. As always, please let me know if you need help accessing the information you need.

The School Funding Interim Commission is scheduled to meet **Monday, January 11 - Wednesday, January 13, 2016** beginning at 8:30 AM on the 11th in Room 102 of the State Capitol.

This mailing includes the following materials:

- ▶ a one-page overview/introduction of the 2008 School Facility Inventory;
- ▶ a brief on the decrement: how it works; its history, and the financial impacts of eliminating it;
- ▶ two responses from the Education Commission of the States: one regarding teacher recruitment and retention; and the other on district consolidation; and
- ▶ a second EAQ document addressing various "easily answered questions" generated by the commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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