

June 8 Education Funding Legislative Task Force (EFTF) Meeting

The third EFTF meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, from 10am to 12 pm in House Hearing room A of the John L. O'Brien Building in Olympia.

Based on the [agenda](#), it looks like there will be important discussion and a panel of school district leaders at this meeting so WSSDA is encouraging school directors to attend or listen in via TVW (you can [watch live](#) or through the [TVW recording/archives](#) the next day).

Every meeting includes public comment time so school directors and others are welcome to come to Olympia to share input in-person with the group. WSSDA is asking school directors who want to attend to contact Government Relations Director [Jessica Vavrus](#) so that she can connect with them on the hill.

As a reminder, the EFTF was formalized in SB 6195 last session with the directive to review current data and make recommendations to the Legislature on implementing the program of basic education as defined in statute. The task force has nine primary tasks and has hired an independent consultant to help them. It is required to develop recommendations on those items prior to the start of the 2017 session. The items are:

- 1) State compensation allocations
 - Sufficient to hire and retain prototypical school staff
 - Salary allocation model
 - Whether a system for future salary adjustments should be included, and whether a local labor market adjustment formula should be included
- 2) Whether additional state legislation is needed to help school districts to support state-funded all-day kindergarten and K-3 Class Size Reductions
- 3) Improving or expanding existing educator recruitment and retention programs
- 4) Local maintenance and operation levies and Local Effort Assistance
- 5) Local school district collective bargaining
- 6) Clarifying basic education and local enrichment
- 7) District reporting, accounting, and transparency of data and expenditures
- 8) School employee health benefits
- 9) Sources of state revenue