

UPDATE ON THE IDAHO SCHOOL FUNDING STUDY

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Presentation Overview

- Updates to Funding Model
- Presentation of the 4th Draft of the Funding Model
- Communication Plan

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- Changed wealth adjustment to be taxable property wealth per student
- Increased weight for districts with secondary enrollment below 100 – it now mirrors the current weighting system
- Increased minimum weight for special education to 65 percent to meet federal guidelines

Other Funding Issues

- The 3 year hold harmless provision
 - ◆ Some confusion on how this provision works

- The 7.5% annual growth cap
 - ◆ Districts with extraordinary growth should be able to ask the department for a waiver

Projections for FY 2018-19

- We made use of past year student counts (2017-18) for the 2018-19 projections
- When 2018-19 student count is made available we will update the model

Presentation of the 4th Draft of the Funding Model

Communication Plan

Dissemination Communication Strategy

- Education Commission of the States will produce two products for the Committee:
 - 1. Two-Minute Video**
 - 2. Accompanying Explainer**