

Joint Legislative Study Committee on Public School Funding Formulas

AGENDA

February 14, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 643

Rep. Glazier, Presiding

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome	Rep. Glazier / Sen. Swindell
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10:10 – 12:00	National Education Expert Presentations
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Kati Haycock

President

Education Trust, Washington, DC

Greg Greicius

Senior Vice President, Educational Initiatives

Turnaround for Children, New York City, NY

Michael Griffith

School Finance Analyst

Education Commission of the States, Denver, CO

Noon – 1:30	Lunch
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1:30 – 1:45	Follow-up Items from 1/30/08 and 1/31/08 Meetings
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1:45 – 3:30	Committee Deliberations
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- Initial Feedback
 - Define Objectives
 - Short-term
 - Long-term
 - Scope of Study
 - Next Steps
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About the Presenters:

Mr. Greg Greicius

Greg is a 35-year veteran of the NYC Board of Education. He spent 18 years as a teacher, staff developer, and clinician both in general and special education settings. For the remaining 17 years, Mr. Greicius held a number of senior positions as a supervisor, and ultimately as District Director of Instructional Support Teams for one of the largest districts in NYC. His work focused primarily on children with social, emotional, and academic risk factors, both in and out of special education.

During his last five years at the Board of Education, Mr. Greicius worked with district and school leadership promoting the development of comprehensive school-based student support systems and interdisciplinary staff development activities. Along with leaders from the Bronx mental health service community and the Department of Mental Health he developed effective inter-agency collaborations in support of the area's children, families, and schools. These collaborations improved the capacity of many schools to identify and properly support high need children, reduce the number of inappropriate calls to 911, foster the development of positive discipline practices and create safe, orderly and effective learning environments.

Since joining Turnaround for Children in 2002, Greg has led the development of numerous successful partnerships with high need schools in NYC.

Mr. Michael Griffith

Mike Griffith serves as the School Finance Analyst for the Education Commission of the States (ECS). He has worked in the field of education finance policy for the past 12 years with ECS, the consulting firm of Augenblick & Myers and the Michigan State Senate. Mike is an expert resource to national news media and has been quoted over 200 times by such outlets as: CNN, Education Week, The London Times, NBC Nightly News, National Public Radio, The New York Times, and USA Today. Mike holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing; a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from The Ohio State University, Columbus; and a Master of Arts degree in Education from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

Ms. Kati Haycock

Kati Haycock is one of the nation's leading child advocates in the field of education. She currently serves as director of the Education Trust. Established in 1992, the Trust does what no other Washington-based education organization seeks to do—speaks up for what's right for young people, especially those who are poor or members of minority groups. The Trust also provides hands-on assistance to educators who want to work together to improve student achievement, pre-kindergarten through college.

Prior to coming to the Education Trust, Haycock served as executive vice president of the Children's Defense Fund, the nation's largest child advocacy organization.

A native Californian, Haycock founded and served as president of The Achievement Council, a statewide organization that provides assistance to teachers and principals in predominately minority schools in improving student achievement.