

CDE MEETING AGENDA



COLORADO
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Meeting Logistics

MEETING:	Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee (SEFAC) Meeting
DATE & TIME:	November 4, 2024, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (VIA ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCE ONLY)
LOCATION:	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85609012438?pwd=5e05aH3CwNfk7TyEcaal6xFvBOWnDv.1 Meeting ID: 856 0901 2438 Passcode: 364469
MEETING LEADS:	Tammy Johnson, Executive/Special Education Director, Uncompahgre BOCES, SEFAC Chair Tamara Durbin, Executive Director, Northeast BOCES, Past Chair
MEETING PARTICIPANTS: <i>(Who most needs to attend?)</i>	Erich Dorn, Tamara Durbin, Brandi Durr, Paul Foster, Vicki Graham, Lazlo Hunt, Tammy Johnson, Elizabeth Mauler, Lisa Schmit, Scott Smith, Carolena Steen, Lynette Steinhoff, Susan Udenberg, Callan Ware

Agenda Items and Next Steps

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2:00	Welcome	Tammy Johnson, SEFAC Chair, calls the meeting to order.
	Introductions Public comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call to be completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul Foster – Absent; Lisa Schmit – Absent • 3 minutes per person who has requested to speak to the committee, no later than 24 hours prior, by emailing Suzann Shotts at shotts_s@cde.state.co.us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There have not been any requests for public comment
	SEFAC Legislative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Draft SEFAC Legislative Report and make final edits

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	Report, January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Edits made by Vicki per the request of the committee regarding the 2023-2024 Tier A and Tier B data were reviewed and changes made per the committee request. ● Finalize SEFAC Legislative Report Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comments have not been made to the shared draft prior to today, members are to make comments by November 13th. ● Proceed with Approval of SEFAC Legislative Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tammy, Tamara and Vicki will meet after the 13th to finalize the comments made by the committee in the shared document and to finalize the recommendations. The finalized version will be put out to the committee members for a review/approval.
3:00	Funding for Preschool Age Children with IEPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CDE, School District Operation Division, Jennifer Okes, Special Advisor ● Overview of Preschool Special Education Funding Changes from 2022-2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer will request CDEC data on how many of the preschool students served in SY23-24 had IEPs and what the associated funding was. ○ She will also ask to have the total counts and funding by school and broken down by district/charter and private providers. ○ This data will be used to compare the students and funding provided in the prior school year through the school finance act.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer will include a question that came up in the meeting related to funding for 3-year-olds. A SEFAC member thought that enrollment for 4-year-olds would be fully funded and enrollment for 3-year-olds with IEPs would be fully funded, but enrollment for 3-year-olds without IEPs would also be funded to the extent there was available funding. Jennifer thought that the 3-year-old allocation based upon the attestations would continue in SY24-25 and beyond. ○ Will request that the data be provided by November 11th. (Jennifer sent the email on 11/04/24; Vicki sent Jennifer a follow up email to see if any information has been received on 11/12/24) ● Maintenance of Effort Data Review & Conclusions ● Discussion of Changes, if needed, to SEFAC Legislative Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SEFAC will use the data requested by Jennifer to make any changes, if needed, to the report.
3:30	Facility Schools Tuition Costs, Recent Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CDE, Office of Facility School, Judy Stirman, Wendy Dunaway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robin Singer also in attendance ● Overview of Tuition Cost Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuition Costs will now be by Tiered level determined by students served by disability category and services provided. ○ They will provide the matrix they displayed about the levels of funding and criteria to SEFAC. (Vicki made a follow up request for the presentation slides on 11/12/2024.)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other Costs are now limited to 15% and are more occupancy related than program costs, although the damage to facilities are considerable costs. ○ A summary sheet provided with contracts will make the costs and the source of those costs clearer. The committee wants to be sure the instructions clearly indicate that the summary sheet should be included in applications which claim costs for a facility schools. This will impact the high-cost collection for 24/25 costs which will be due in March 2026. ● Discussion of Changes, if needed, to High Cost Applications, or Instructions
4:00	Adjourn	Tammy Johnson, SEFAC Chair, announces meeting adjournment

Future SEFAC Meetings:

Monday, April 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, in-person at Englewood School Admin Office

Monday, May 5, 2025, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m, virtual meeting via Zoom