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Issues Discussion for the 2020-2021 Regents State Aid Proposal

State Aid Subcommittee

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Overview

Topics for consideration in the 2020-2021 Proposal:

- **Should there be a recommended process for reviewing the Foundation Aid Formula?**
- **Should the Board continue inclusion of specific program initiatives and aid “setasides?”**
- **Should the Board advance proposals for improved financial technical assistance of and management in school districts**

Foundation Aid Review

- **The Senate Education Committee has announced a series of roundtable discussions statewide to consider revisions to the Foundation Aid formula.**
- **SED could potentially complement that work with a staffing request for research, similar to work done in the early 2000s.**
- **Staffing request would cover specific topics and a set timeframe for producing a report.**

Specific Initiatives and Setasides

Proposals in recent years have included funds for specific initiatives, such as support for English Language Learners and Career and Technical Education.

- Should the 2020-2021 Regents Proposal continue this practice, or instead focus on a broader theme?

Financial Technical Assistance for School Districts

The State Aid Subcommittee has discussed myriad financial issues facing school districts of all types across the state.

A package of proposals could be included in the 2020-2021 Regents State Aid Proposal that could:

- Increase incentives for school district consolidations and shared services;
- Expand the technical assistance offered by SED to help districts improve their finances before major issues arise (a staffing request for this work would be advanced); and
- Establish a more uniform and permanent practice for assisting school districts in significant financial and educational distress.