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TO: Task Force Members
FROM: Dan Grimm
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RE: Task Force Proceedings

Everyone now has a staff summary of the five proposals submitted for Task Force consideration. Summary elements will be added or modified as necessary during our deliberations. Cost estimates will be calculated as details are refined.

The summary is presented as a table, with rows that identify general policies and columns that briefly describe the intent of specific proposals. A column at the far right is provided for members who wish to make notes or indicate their preferred proposal for each general policy.

Nine all-day meetings have been scheduled for Task Force hearings and deliberations. Unnecessary meetings will be cancelled following completion of Task Force business.

Our first order of business will be a staff review of the summary. Task Force members will then have an opportunity to present their proposals, followed by a public hearing. A second opportunity for public testimony will be provided Tuesday, November 11.

With the consent of Task Force members, our deliberations will begin with initial, non-binding indications of member preferences following the format of the staff summary. Where there is clear consensus in support of specific proposals, staff will be directed to include the proposals in a draft report for subsequent formal consideration. Where there is clear consensus in opposition to specific proposals, we will dispense with further consideration with the understanding that any member may submit any proposal during formal consideration of a final report.

Assuming there is general interest in some issues but no clear consensus on specific related proposals, Task Force members will have an opportunity to discuss proposals in greater detail, followed by informal votes on preferences.

When the Task Force has completed initial consideration of all issues, staff will prepare a draft report for formal consideration. Following the completion of Task Force business, members will have seven days to submit dissenting opinions and recommendations not adopted by the Task Force that will be included in a final report to the Governor and Legislature.

A revised version of the Teacher Certification section of my proposal is attached. It is intended to clarify the intent and application of the recommendations. The fundamentals are unchanged.