

SFIC Work Plan (Phase II only; working draft for review/discussion/modification at July 20-21,2026, meeting)

	CALENDAR YEAR 2026					
	Jan 13 Zoom only	Feb 11-12 Helena	April 7-8 Helena	June 17-18 Helena	July 20-21 Helena	Aug 12-13 Helena
Phase II: School Funding Formula Analysis and Recommendations						
Develop understanding of Montana's current funding formula, litigation history, issues with current formula	RFP update Feb outline Funding training (if time)	All funds overview Dist GF deep dive Inflation Analysis Sp Ed - high-cost IEPs Facilities needs English Learners Mental Health Cost of living Levy passage rates	APA analysis of MT formula and comparison with other states Further explore identified issues with current formula	Further explore identified issues with current formula as directed by the Commission Examine revenue (including countywide BASE and HB 483) CAMPS follow-up; graphic Special Education Facilities Inflation	Completed	Completed
Conduct consultant-advised cost study using successful schools methodology		Intro APA Overview methodology Define successful school	Study update and discussion Commission direction as needed	Study update Consultant analysis Discuss findings	Study results and analysis Design of a foundation formula Study survey results	Consultant report Dashboard update?
Analyze alignment of IEEWG recommendations and existing funding formula; consider changes			Staff and NCEE analysis NCEE Latest Learnings Commission discussion	Integrate in SSD and Potential Findings	Integrate in SSD and Potential Findings	Completed
Develop SFIC findings, recommendations, draft legislation incorporating public comment			Workshop potential findings and recs Discuss potential legislation	Follow-up as needed Identify findings and recs, including additional potential legislation Review potential legislation	Follow-up ONLY on specific findings and recs identified in June Review report outline with findings and recs	Review and vote on potential legislation
Finalize and Publish SFIC report by Sept. 1, 2026						Provide draft report in advance Public comment Commission revision and approval