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Extraordinary Cost Fund for Special Education Interim Study Committee to Meet

PIERRE – The Extraordinary Cost Fund for Special Education Interim Study Committee will meet for the second time on Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Room 362 of the State Capitol in Pierre. The committee's assigned task is to examine the increased need for special education and related services in the schools in the state and how to adequately fund special education in light of the increased need. At the meeting, staff members of the SD Department of Education will provide the committee with further information on the identification and planning processes related to special education. Representatives of the Eagle Butte, Kadoka, and McLaughlin School Districts will provide insight into their experiences and any obstacles they face in providing special education to students in their districts. The committee will also take a closer look at special education funding, including the funds that school districts receive from the federal government, from state aid to special education, and from the extraordinary cost fund. Lastly, the members will begin focusing on and discussing possible committee recommendations. The meeting is open to the public, and public testimony will be taken in the afternoon.

The Extraordinary Cost Fund for Special Education Interim Study Committee members include Representative Mary Duvall, Chair (R-Pierre); Senator Jim Bolin, Vice Chair, (R-Canton); Representatives Dan Ahlers (D-Dell Rapids), Hugh Bartels (R-Watertown), Lana Greenfield (R-Doland), Tom Holmes (R-Sioux Falls), Elizabeth May (R-Kyle), Kyle Schoenfish (R-Scotland), Jamie Smith (D-Sioux Falls); and Senators Ryan Maher (R-Isabel), Jeff Monroe (R-Pierre), Reynold Nesiba (D-Sioux Falls), and Jordan Youngberg (R-Madison).

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