

SFIC Work Plan (working draft; August 14, 2025)

								CALENDAR YEAR 2026					
	Aug 14 PM Zoom only	Sept 15-16 Helena	Sept/Oct Road Shows	Oct 14-15 Helena	Oct 16-17 Ed Confs	Nov 13-14 Helena	Dec 15 Zoom only	Jan 13 Zoom only	Feb 11-12 Helena	April 7-8 Helena	June 24-25 Helena	Aug 12-13 Helena	
Phase I: Innovation & Excellence in Education Working Group (IEEWG)													
Develop understanding of international comparisons, benchmarking, gap analysis	NCEE intro and overview of work												
NCEE-facilitated Road Shows/Outreach to educators, parents, students, business community (not full Commission/IEEWG)			Kalispell Havre Billings		Ed Confs Missoula Helena								
Reports back from outreach, develop IEEWG recommendations, implementation plan, cost estimates							Zoom only?						
Finalize and Publish IEEWG report by Jan. 31, 2026								Zoom only?					
Phase II: School Funding Formula Analysis and Recommendations													
Develop understanding of Montana's current funding formula, litigation history, issues with current formula	NCSL Principles Hist Background Defining equity and adequacy	Dist Rev Big Pic Dist Gen Fund 20-9-309 Xwalk		PPE examples Oth dist funds Curr issues LAD update									
Analyze alignment of IEEWG recommendations and existing funding formula; consider changes													
Develop SFIC findings, recommendations, draft legislation incorporating public comment													
Finalize and Publish SFIC report by Sept. 1, 2026													
Estimated Meeting/Outreach Cost	\$ 2,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	ESTIMATED BUDGET TOTAL \$ 140,000