

SFIC Work Plan (working draft; June 20, 2025)

	CALENDAR YEAR 2025							CALENDAR YEAR 2026				
	June 23	July 23-24	Aug/SeptTBD	Sept 23	Oct 16-17	Nov 13-14	Dec 15	Jan 13	Feb 11-12	April 7-8	June 10-11	Aug 12-13
Phase I: Innovation & Excellence in Education Working Group (IEEWG)												
Develop understanding of international comparisons, benchmarking, gap analysis												
IEEWG Road Shows/Outreach to educators, parents, students, business community (not full Commission or IEEWG)			Kalispell? Havre? Billings?		Ed Confs Missoula Helena							
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												
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	\$ 18,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 140,000