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Testimony on Updated Estimates for Pupil Weights & Average Per Pupil Costs for Specified Cost Factors

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History

- The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) was directed, under Section 11 of No. 173 of the 2018 Acts and Resolves of the Vermont General Assembly (Act 173) to undertake a study that **examines and evaluates the weights used in the existing equalized pupil calculation**
 - Report submitted to General Assembly: January 2020
- **Task Force on Implementing Recommendations from Pupil Weighting Factors Study**
 - **Request 1: Update/Recalculation of Weights for Revised Assumptions**
 - Requested re-analysis using new Assumptions: **Revised poverty measure** (FRL) and **additive weights**
 - Calculations provided October 28, 2021 (memorandum)
 - **Request 2: Additional Information for Use in Calculating Categorical Aid Programs**
 - Requested:
 1. We develop **per pupil cost estimates** for identified cost factors
 2. Further information and clarification regarding the additional cost of educating ELL students in Vermont
 - Per pupil cost estimates & information provided January 11, 2022 (memorandum)

Cost Factor	Cost Adjustments Based on School-Level Cost Function Models			Vermont JFO Proposed Amount (December 17, 2021 Task Force Report) (Column 4)
	Proposed Weight (October 28, 2021 Update) (Column 1)	Average Per-Pupil Cost (January 11, 2022 Update) (in \$'s Per-Pupil)		
		FY2018 (Column 2)	FY2023 (Column 3)	
Student Need				
Poverty (FRL)	1.03	\$9,492	\$10,480	\$10,664
ELL	2.49	\$22,947	\$25,335	N/A
Grade Level				
Middle Grades (6-8)	0.36	\$3,318	\$3,663	\$3,727
Secondary Grades (9-12)	0.39	\$3,594	\$3,968	\$4,038
School Enrollment				
<100 Pupils	0.21	\$1,935	\$2,137	\$2,174
100-250 Pupils	0.07	\$645	\$712	\$725
Population Density (Persons per Square Mile)				
<36 per Square Mile	0.15	\$1,382	\$1,526	\$1,553
36 - <55 per Square Mile	0.12	\$1,106	\$1,221	\$1,242
55 - <100 per Square Mile	0.07	\$645	\$712	\$725