

Issues Related to Adequacy for Consideration by the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Increase the per-student funding for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) by 2% for the first year of the biennium and continue that same funding level for FY17

- The Education Committees recognize that additional O&M needs may be identified through further study of Broadband expenses
- An adjustment in this line of the Matrix may be necessary in the 2016 Fiscal Session

Create a separate supplemental funding program for districts with high transportation costs

- The funding amount should be established at the equivalent of 2% of the funding provided for transportation in FY15
- Use the BLR funding distribution model

Recommend that the 90th General Assembly include in its Adequacy Study the possible removal of the Transportation component from the Matrix and the development of a new transportation funding methodology

NSLA (Poverty) Categorical Funding line item to remain flat with the caveat of a study during the next biennium; reserving the possibility of revising it in the Fiscal Session

Conduct a study of the amount of testing currently required in Arkansas schools

Conduct a study of the role and scope of technology in education

Study the results of the ACSIP pilot program

Conduct a study of declining enrollment funding in the next biennium

Conduct a study of isolated funding in the next biennium

Additional Issues for Consideration

Create a State Plan for Digital Education/Broadband

Review of Curriculum to Ensure Rigorous Preparation for Postsecondary Opportunities

Review of NSLA funding

Review of the “plateauing” of growth in student achievement