

SB 152, if enacted, defines the following 8 items as the "basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools" that must be adequately funded:

- the accreditation standards;
- educational programs for students with special needs/disabilities, at-risk students, students with limited English proficiency, and gifted and talented students;
- Indian education for all;
- Qualified, well-prepared, and effective teachers, staff, & administrators to implement programs
- facilities and distance learning technologies;
- transportation of students;
- assessment and tracking student achievement; and
- preservation of local control.

Policy for "Step 1" (Or discussion as to why this option is not feasible):

- (1) Set aside all issues current funding structure concerning whether money to fund "quality schools" is now "permissive" or "voted levies" or how access to the money may be restricted through the current fund system with the 25 funds;
- (2) Consider a new structure where all of the items necessary to meet "quality schools" in SB 152 above be funded as follows:

<p>Other \$\$ provided in "lump sum" to districts to spend on "non-152" items; and/or Allow districts to vote levies (not to exceed a certain % to maintain equity)</p>
<p>Local Share of SB 152 with <i>Permissive Levies</i> W/GTB for Low Wealth Districts</p>
<p>State Share of SB 152</p>