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Commissioners,

The enclosed materials are intended to provide background information for you in preparation for your meeting April 4-5, 2016. **Please bring the enclosed materials along with previous meeting materials with you to the April meeting.** All of these materials are posted to the commission webpage and are now organized topically on the "Committee Topics" page. As always, please let me know if you need help accessing the information you need.

The School Funding Interim Commission is scheduled to meet **Monday, April 4 - Tuesday, April 5, 2016** beginning at 8:30 AM on the 4th in Room 137 of the State Capitol.

This mailing includes the following materials:

- ▶ a draft agenda;
- ▶ a memo and materials on the Wyoming model for school facilities, the QSIC final report on facilities, and the MUS Long Range Building Program;
- ▶ a memo on SB 354 (2015; Ripley) related to facilities;
- ▶ a working paper describing possible options for school facilities funding;
- ▶ a one-pager on GTB;
- ▶ a brief on nonlevy revenue;
- ▶ a background report on the former State Equalization Account;
- ▶ a brief describing options for equalizing BASE mills;
- ▶ a memo on SB 331 (2015, Hansen) and emergency authorizations for nonlicensed teachers; and
- ▶ a research brief from the Education Commission of the States on statewide K-12 health insurance pooling.

We are contemplating a subsequent mailing with additional materials prior to the April meeting; at the very least additional materials will be posted to the website and I will notify you by email as they are available. Please let me know if you have any questions. The next commission meeting after April is tentatively scheduled for May 4 - 6 with a final one- or two-day meeting in early June.

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