

**Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers
and Innovative Approaches to Services**

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***** AGENDA *****

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Cross State Office Building, Room 202, Augusta, Maine
(Education & Cultural Affairs Committee Room)

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introduction of Task Force Members**
(Sen. Brian Langley, Senate Chair, and Rep. Richard Farnsworth, House Chair)
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks to Preview Task Force Agenda**
(Sen. Brian Langley, Senate Chair, and Rep. Richard Farnsworth, House Chair)
- 9:10 a.m. **Briefing and Discussion with Special Education Authorities and Experts:**
- **University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (CCIDS); Benefits of Inclusive Educational Practices**

(Alan Cobo-Lewis, Director, CCIDS and Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Maine)
(Kate MacLeod, Instructor of Special Education, University of Maine Farmington)
 - **Maine School Management Association (“MSMA”); Response to District Management Group’s Mission to Improve Services for Students with Special Needs**

(Dr. Katie Hawes, Superintendent, RSU 21, Kennebunk)
- 9:55 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Discussion of Proposed Recommendations for Task Force Report**
(Task Force Chairs and Members)
- 11:55 a.m. **Preparation and Review Plan for Task Force Report; and Announcements**
(Sen. Langley, Senate Chair, and Rep. Farnsworth, House Chair)
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjournment**