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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard *Cliff*
Executive Director

DATE: 16 January 2020

SUBJECT: Staff and Commission Updates

Commission Update

On January 10, 2020, Chairman Carter received a response to the recent question that we posed to the Office of the Attorney General. Our question was,

“Whose approval is required for changing the data sources in the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations fiscal-capacity model used to equalize funding through the Basic Education Program funding formula?”

The Attorney General responded,

“Changes to the data sources in the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations fiscal-capacity model must be adopted by the State Board of Education and approved by the Commissioners of Education and Finance and Administration. Legislative approval is not required for such changes, nor is approval of the BEP Review Committee.”

A copy of the opinion is attached.

Staff Update

TACIR Director of Administration Michael Timme is celebrating 30 years of service with the State of Tennessee this month. Please join me in thanking Michael in recognition of his reaching this impressive milestone.