Summary: Principles for Fair and Equitable Funding Systems or Proposals

1. **Provide funding according to student need.**
   - Provide at least 100 percent more funding for students from low-income backgrounds.
   - Provide at least 75 to 100 percent more funding for English learners (ELs).
   - Provide additional funding to support students with disabilities.
   - Provide the full amount of additional funding for every category of need that students meet.
   - Target resources to high-poverty districts and schools.

2. **Provide more funding to districts with lower fiscal capacity.**
   - Provide equalization funding to low-wealth districts.
   - Provide additional funding for rural and sparse districts.

3. **Ensure dollars are used well to improve student experience and outcomes.**
   - Require districts to spend according to student need.
   - Require districts to develop and publish a plan for how they will use funding.

4. **Be transparent about the system’s design and monitor funding districts actually receive.**
   - Annually publish information about how the funding system is designed to work in clear, plain-language.
   - Publish easy-to-follow data on the amount of funding each district should receive according to the state funding system, compared to what it actually receives.
   - Review the funding system to understand patterns in which districts are being underfunded.

5. **Provide transparent data on funding going to schools.**
   - Develop, use and publish consistent rules for calculating spending for all schools in the state.
   - Report clear, timely and accessible school and district spending data alongside contextual information to enable equity-focused comparisons.