

**New York State Education Department**  
**Title I Committee of Practitioners (COPS) Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Topic	Presenter	Time
<b>Welcome</b>	Theresa Billington  Assistant Commissioner, Office of Accountability	1:00 – 1:05
<b>Federal Policy Uncertainty</b>	Jeff Matteson  Senior Deputy Commissioner, Office of Education Policy	1:05 – 1:20
<b>Foundation Aid Formula Proposal</b>	Christina Coughlin  Chief Financial Officer	1:20 – 1:35
<b>Plan Pilot</b>	Nicole Lennon Special Projects Assistant, Office of Policy Research & Development  Allison Armour-Garb Senior Advisor, Office of Policy Research & Development	1:35 – 1:55
<b>Updates from the Office of Early Learning</b>	Erik Sweet  Director, Office of Early Learning	1:55-2:10
<b>Funding in 853 Coalition Districts</b>	Erica Meaker Assistant Commissioner, Office of Federal Programs  Caralee Kardash Director of Special Education Services – Office of Special Education  Suzanne Bolling Assistant Counsel, Office of Special Education	2:10-2:25
<b>Wrap Up</b>	Erica Meaker Assistant Commissioner, Office of Federal Programs	2:25 - 2:30

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