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UC Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson Announces Formation Of Blue Ribbon Commission On School Funding And Tax Reform

Ulster County Legislature Chairman David D. Donaldson has announced the formation of a Blue Ribbon Commission to study the issue of School Funding and Tax Reform. The panel will be chaired by Ulster County Legislator Susan Zimet, D-New Paltz.

“The mission of the Blue Ribbon Commission will be to contribute to the current dialogue and efforts in New York State to reform the present opaque, unfair method of school funding by examining Ulster County’s role and suggesting changes that support reform,” Zimet said.

The Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding and Tax Reform will put together a report – with a target date of May, 2008 – for the Ulster County Legislature and a New York State Commission that are both looking into school funding and tax reform, Donaldson said.

“This is an issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible,” Donaldson said. “I am confident this Blue Ribbon Commission Chaired by Legislator Zimet will come up with some significant ideas that will work to alleviate the unfair tax burden that many County homeowners must shoulder.”

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Joining Zimet on the panel are Ulster County Legislators Jon Decker, D-Highland and Richard Gerentine, R-Marlboro. Other members of the Blue Ribbon Commission are Bernetta Calderone, Gioia Shebar, Tony Gajate and Darryl Carr. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 PM, SUNY New Paltz, the Lecture Center, Room 104.