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### Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

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The new edition adds information on hot button topics including:

- The economics of education.
- Recent court decisions.
- 50-state comparison tables.
- The Common Core State Standards.
- The ongoing debate about school vouchers, tax credits, and charter schools.

About the Author

**Dr. Vern Brimley** has been a public school administrator for over 30 years, retiring as administrative assistant to the superintendent of Provo City Schools. He has been director of federal programs, purchasing, research, public relations an elementary teacher and principal. He served on the State of Utah committee delegated by the Utah State Legislature to study the Utah School Finance system giving several presentations to the committee. Twelve major changes resulted from this study, including equalization of capital outlay budgets. Dr. Brimley taught in a secondary modern school in Great Britain for a year on a Fulbright Exchange scholarship. He was selected as one of 40 educational administrators from throughout the U.S. and Canada to participate in the initial intensive two-month study program under the sponsorship of the National Academy for School Executives (NASE) – the training arm of the American Association of School Administrators (NASA) - and the Danforth Foundation. The Study-Leave Fellowship provided the opportunity for Dr. Brimley to study the financial structure of state educational systems and state departments of education. The Kettering Foundation designated him as an Innovative Educator. He has been a consultant for the Utah State Legislature Education Committee and was liaison with that body while with Provo schools. He has been a consultant for several school districts

Dr. Brimley was a student of Professor Percy Burrup and did research for the first edition of *Financing Education in a Climate of Change* and was co-author of the third edition with Professor Burrup. He teamed with Dr. Rulon Garfield after Dr. Burrup's death to write the fourth through eleventh edition and with Dr. Deborah Verstegen as co-author for the eleventh and twelfth edition. Dr. Brimley served as an Adjunct Professor at Brigham Young University and has taught many education leadership courses, but specialized in school finance and school business management. He has presented papers at conferences including the American Education Finance Association and has written articles on various education issues. He is married to Dawn Baker Brimley. They are the parents of three daughters and have ten grandchildren.

**Deborah Versteegen** is a Professor of Educational Leadership, College of Education, University of Nevada, Reno. She served as Edwin J. O’Leary Chair of Financial Management, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2006-07 and was a professor in finance, policy and leadership in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia for nearly two decades. Prior to joining the university community in 1984, she was a teacher, administrator and legislative aide in state government. She has had teaching experience at all levels, from pre-school, elementary, secondary, and community college, to university, at the graduate level. Her administrative experience in education is also broad. She has been a central office administrator for a K-12 school system in Alaska's Iditarod Area School District--which is approximately the size of Ohio and includes 14 schools and two preschools--Director of the Mid-management Program at the University of Texas at Austin, and Department Chair at UNR. She has worked in government as a legislative aide in Wisconsin's House of Representatives and as a lobbyist for the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Virginia in the Virginia General Assembly. She was named Distinguished National Fellow in Finance in 2011 and developed an equity statistic, later named the “Versteegen Index” by scholars. Dr. Versteegen is actively involved in several professional associations and currently she serves as an Education Policy Editor for the JEF and serves on the Board of Advisors for the National Education Finance Conference.

Currently, she is a tenured professor at the University of Nevada teaching graduate and undergraduate classes.

**Rulon Garfield, Ph.D.**, has a distinguished history in educational finance. As full Professor of Educational Leadership he sat in the finance-economic-policy chair at Brigham Young University formerly occupied by the late Percy E. Burrup. Just prior to accepting this position he was Director, Management Consultant Services, Coopers and Lybrand, assisting in finance and business administration issues for local districts, state departments of education, colleges and universities.

He has been a Presidential Appointee of Gerald R. Ford as Chairman of the Federal Regional (VIII) Council; Regional Director (VIII) Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Lead Regional Director of Finance and Management, Lead Regional Director for Education, HEW; State Senator, serving on the Education and Appropriations Committees. His service included that of being a teacher in elementary school, junior high, high school, community college, college, university—undergraduate and graduate. As an educational leader at the elementary, secondary, district, state, and national levels he has had to solve many practical problems in educational finance.

When chosen as an American Political Science Congressional Fellow, he served as a Legislative Staff Assistant in the United States House of Representatives and in the United States Senate as a Special Staff Assistant to the vice President of the United States. He is the author of numerous articles and three books, a speaker at national meetings and state conventions on educational finance. Dr. Garfield co-authored the fourth through the 10th editions of *Financing Education in a Climate of Change* with Dr. Vern Brimley and with the addition of Dr. Deborah Versteegen for the eleventh and twelfth edition.

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