



## Education Interim Committee

### 65th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

### Education Interim Committee January 22-23, 2018 Room 137, Montana State Capitol

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

#### Monday, January 22

- 8:30 Call to order, roll call – Chair McClafferty
- 8:35 Review agenda and previously distributed materials - Pad McCracken
- 8:45 Administrative Rule Review - Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
- 9:00 Update from Governor's Office on Stars Preschool Grant Program - Siri Smillie, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Bullock
- 9:15 Update from Board of Public Education - Peter Donovan, Executive Director
- 9:30 Student-centered Learning Panel
- Summary of OPI Innovative Learning Conference - Dr. Tim Tharp, Deputy Superintendent, OPI
  - Collegial Learning Network on Personalized Learning - Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
  - St. Regis School - Joe Steele, Superintendent
  - Conrad Public Schools - Sharyl Allen, Superintendent
  - Bridger Charter Academy (Bozeman Public Schools) - Dr. Rob Watson, Superintendent
  - Paris Gibson Education Center (Great Falls) - Drew Uecker, Principal
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 11:15 Agency monitoring - Office of Public Instruction - Superintendent Arntzen
- ESSA update
  - Budget reductions and impacts
  - School and student safety initiatives

- Student achievement update and assessment overview
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 HJ 1 study - intro/review; special needs funding models in other states - Pad
- 1:15 HJ 1 study - Gifted and talented students
- Current landscape of G&T programs in MT; estimates of program costs - Julia Cruse, OPI
  - Best practices in identifying and serving G&T students - Dr. Estee Aiken, UM Western; Dr. Tracy Missett, UM; Dr. Sarah Pennington, MSU (Drs. Missett and Pennington via WebEx)
  - What advocates suggest - Julie Merritt, MT AGATE
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 2:30 HJ 1 study - At-risk students
- What do we mean by at-risk? - Pad
  - The basics of Title I and other federal education programs supporting at-risk students - Jack O'Connor, OPI
  - Initiatives to identify and serve at-risk students: Early Warning System and Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) - Eric Meredith and Susie Hedalen, OPI
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 HJ 1 study - English learners
- Current landscape in Montana and funding mechanisms in other states - Pad
  - Title III funding basics and best practices in serving English Learners - Crystal Andrews, Yvonne Field, and Eric Meredith, OPI
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 3:45 HJ 1 study - The role of educator preparation programs in serving students with special needs
- Dr. Tricia Seifert, Education Department Head, MSU - Bozeman
  - Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Dean of College of Education, MSU - Billings

- Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Ed
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 4:15 Panel presentation and discussion on recruitment and retention efforts - What's happening now? How can the Legislature help?
- Rural Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force - Angela McLean, OCHE; Drs. Seifert, Fishbaugh, and Tharp
  - Rural Student Teacher Incentives through the MREA-MUS Educator Fellows Program - Dennis Parman, MREA
  - RISE4MT - Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 5:15 Public comment on K-12 Education issues
- 5:30 Review Tuesday agenda and related materials; recess for the day

### **Tuesday, January 23**

Committee members will attend the 2018 Economic Outlook Seminar on "The Future of Higher Education" presented by the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel in Helena. Registration is required:

<http://www.economicoutlookseminar.com/>

- 2:00 Reconvene in Room 137, Montana State Capitol; roll call
- 2:05 Montana University System collaboration session with Regents Lozar and Nystuen and Commissioner of Higher Education Clay Christian
- Debrief/discuss Economic Outlook Seminar
  - Dual enrollment
  - Student financial aid programs
  - Long-range Building Program
  - Ongoing EDIC and Regents collaboration
- 3:45 Public comment on any matter within the committee's jurisdiction
- 4:00 Review work plan, set next meeting date, discuss agenda, and provide direction to staff
- 4:15 Adjourn

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