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## **EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

### **67th Montana Legislature**

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#### **SENATE MEMBERS**

Carlie Boland  
Edith (Edie) McClafferty  
Daniel Salomon  
Russel (Russ) Tempel

#### **HOUSE MEMBERS**

Fred Anderson  
Moffie Funk  
Bruce Grubbs  
Connie Keogh  
Sue Vinton  
Tom Woods

#### **COMMITTEE STAFF**

Pad McCracken - Research  
Analyst  
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Laura Sankey - Attorney

### **MINUTES LOG**

May 05, 2020  
1:02 PM

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

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### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Fred Anderson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Sen. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

#### **Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Pad McCracken, Research Analyst  
Bri Nordhagen, Secretary  
Laura Sankey, Attorney

**AGENDA (Attachment 1)**

**Committee Business Summary**

The committee provided direction to staff on various topics in preparation for its June 18-19 meeting.

**MUS updates**

13:02:57 Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education

**Questions from the committee**

13:11:28 Rep. Woods asked if OCHE was going to test students as they came in and if testing would be faster.

13:17:14 Sen. Salomon asked if the traveling/hiring ban was still in place or were there plans to move beyond that.

13:24:26 Rep. Woods stated considering grad students and using them as a resource to focus energy.

13:25:54 Rep. Vinton asked what the typical timeframe was that students know what their numbers are going to be for the fall semester, and how is that projected to be different this summer. Rep. Vinton asked if there were any trends in students who were anticipated to return.

**OPI updates and any follow-up from April 30**

13:32:10 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

**School Nutrition 101 and School Meals During School Closure**

13:40:28 Camille Biazzo, Assistant Director of School Nutrition, OPI

**Questions from the committee**

13:52:05 Sen. Temple asked Ms. Biazzo if the committee could get the cost and numbers from each school across the state for students getting fed.

**School Breakfast: Models and Best Practices**

13:54:05 Linda Cleatus, Montana No Kid Hungry School Breakfast Coordinator (**Exhibit 1) (Exhibit 2)**

13:59:15 Sabrina Rubich, Parent, Burlington Elementary, Billings

14:04:49 Jon Konen, Principle, Lincoln Elementary, Great Falls

14:09:35 Dr. Tess Augustine, M.D., Helena Pediatric Clinic

14:13:58 Lolita Carter, School Secretary, Kessler Elementary, Helena

14:16:20 Craig Crawford, MAEMSP President

Public comment

14:20:00 Dennis Parman  
14:21:00 Kirk Miller  
14:23:10 Marco Ferro

Questions from the committee

14:25:18 Rep. Woods asked Ms. Biazzo if federal dollars would be able to be used to offset the increased cost or would the state handle it. Can COVID dollars be used.  
14:27:43 Rep. Funk asked Ms. Cleatus about best practices and eliminating reduced price meals.  
14:31:43 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Ferro what the response was from teachers after implementing the program.  
14:37:03 Rep. Funk asked Ms. Cleatus if the committee could get figures of what it would cost the state to do the ERP, get something back from the federal government.

**HJ 56: Student Well-being and COVID - 19 panel discussion**

14:41:32 Mr. McCracken  
14:42:39 Lilly Fouts, Senior, Red Lodge High School  
14:46:17 Cade Duran, Junior Helena High School  
14:49:48 Linda Rost, Montana Teacher of the Year, Baker High School  
14:52:00 Ellen Ryter, School Counselor, Hamilton High School  
14:54:56 Johanna Bertken, School Assistance Coordinator, Bozeman School District  
14:59:22 Trish Klock, Principal, Bryant Elementary, Helena  
15:03:15 Donnie Wetzal, OPI

Public comment

15:11:01 Dennis Parman

Questions from the committee

15:12:24 Sen. McClafferty asked Ms. Ryter about the shared sessions program.  
15:15:10 Sen. Tempel asked if there was a push from OPI or the state that may take up checking up on student's public safety.  
15:18:14 Rep. Funk asked about equity and access due to internet access to students.  
15:29:36 Sen. Salomon asked Mr. Duran if he felt prepared for his senior year, or will he need more time to make up the work. Sen. Salomon asked how the students would be assessed in where they were for the next school year.

Public comment

15:45:24 none

**Committee work session; review work plan; directions to staff**

15:45:35 Mr. McCracken ([Exhibit 3](#))  
15:49:55 Rep. Funk  
15:50:18 Rep. Anderson  
15:50:38 Rep. Funk  
15:52:46 Rep. Vinton  
15:55:44 Rep. Vinton  
15:55:44 Sen. Salomon  
15:57:06 Rep. Anderson  
15:58:26 Rep. Grubbs

15:59:40 Sen. Boland  
16:29:23 Sen. McClafferty

**ADJOURNMENT**

16:35:52