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# Education Interim Committee

67th Montana Legislature

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## FINAL AGENDA (updated 1/24 with robotics presenters)

### Education Interim Committee

January 24-25, 2022

Room 102, Montana Capitol

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

### **Monday, January 24**

12:30 p.m. Lunch and site visit/tour of Helena Prerelease Center (HJ 47)

*This site visit is limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must register by noon on January 19 by contacting Pad McCracken (406-444-3595 or [padmccracken@mt.gov](mailto:padmccracken@mt.gov)).*

2:30 Call to order in Room 102, Montana Capitol - roll call - review agenda - Chair McClafferty

2:35 HJ 47 study of educational programs for the incarcerated

- Debrief site visit to Helena Prerelease
- Educational programs at Crossroads Correctional Center (Shelby) – Pete Bludworth, Warden
- Updates on programs at Montana Women's Prison – Cynthia Wolken, Deputy Director; and Marisa Britton-Bostwick, Education Director, Montana Correctional Enterprises
- Other state agency roles in education programs for the incarcerated
  - Gayle Butler, Montana Correctional Enterprises, DOC
  - Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, OCHE
  - Katie Madsen, Adult Ed and HiSET Administrator, OPI
  - Sarah Swanson, Director of Strategic Engagement, MTDLI
- Public comment
- Committee questions/discussion
- Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps

- 3:45 Robotics, out-of-school programs/partnerships, funding – Chuck Merja, Coach, and students of Redneck Robotics, Sun River
- 3:45 – Zoom with Emily Evans, student at MSU
  - 4:00 – robotics demonstration in Rotunda
  - 4:20 – panel discussion with Coach Merja, Robyn Mathison, Alex Smith, Adeline Hahn (via Zoom), and Baylee Herman
- 5:00 Public Comment\* on any topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 5:15 Review Tuesday agenda - recess for the day

**Tuesday, January 25**

- 8:30 a.m. Reconvene - Chair McClafferty
- 8:35 Administrative rule review/litigation update – Jameson Walker, LSD Attorney
- 8:45 Montana University System updates
- OCHE updates
  - Montana 10 presentation
  - Committee questions/discussion
- 9:30 Office of Public Instruction updates – Superintendent Arntzen
- Committee questions/discussion
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 CSCT update – Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent, OPI; Charlie Brereton and Meghan Peel, DPHHS
- 10:45 Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program update – Jay Phillips, CFO, OPI; and McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education
- 11:00 Continue school health benefits discussion with review of LC 2080 (2019) – Diane Fladmo, MFPE; Andy Holmlund, MSSF/MUST; Lance Melton, MTSBA
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 11:45 Public Comment\* on any topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 12:00 Lunch break (lunch provided for committee members)

- 1:00 School choice overview and legislative landscape – Michelle Exstrom and Emily Ronco, National Conference of State Legislatures
- 1:30 Update on HB 279 (education tax credits)—Tony Zammit, Department of Revenue
- 1:45 Transformational Learning
- Staff memo – Pad
  - OPI update on recent application window and other – Krystal Smith, OPI
  - Lessons from Idaho – Aaron McKinnon, Mastery-Based Education Coordinator, Idaho Superintendent's Office of Public Instruction
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 School food programs—highlights, changes, challenges, and opportunities
- Chris Emerson, School Nutrition Programs Director, OPI
  - Jan Tusick, Director, Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center
  - Linda Cleatus, Montana No Kid Hungry
  - Emily Pia, Policy Consultant, No Kid Hungry
- 4:00 Public Comment\* on any topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 4:15 Committee work session – discuss/revise work plan and next meeting agenda items
- 5:00 Adjourn

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