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FROM: Rep. David Bedey, Chairman, Section E Interim Budget Committee (Section E IBC)

RE: Coordination with the Education Interim Committee (EDIC)

Dear EDIC Members,

The [Section E IBC](#), created in [HB 497](#), is comprised of the members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and is responsible for overseeing the spending of the Office of Public Instruction, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, the State Library, the Board of Public Education, the School for the Deaf and Blind, the Historical Society, and the Arts Council. During the present interim, the Section E IBC will also study funding of the following: Indian language preservation programs, the Montana Digital Academy, and K-12 enrollment increases. These studies may result in proposed legislation for the next session.

Coordination between the Section E IBC and the EDIC should provide an opportunity to bridge gaps between policy and fiscal issues. Therefore, I recommend that we coordinate the committees' work plans to avoid duplicative efforts, consider engaging in joint projects, and synchronize our schedules to allow for the possibility of a few joint meetings.

If the EDIC is interesting in collaborating with the Section E IBC, I suggest that a Zoom meeting of the leadership of both committees be held to work out the details of that collaboration. Once the EDIC has met and selected its officers, please let me know how you wish to proceed.

Respectfully,

Representative David Bedey, Chairman, Section E Interim Budget Committee