

## **Possible topics for 2021-2022 Education Interim Committee**

for committee discussion, compiled by Pad McCracken, Committee Staff, June 2021

### **General and PK-20+**

Collaboration with the Section E Interim Budget Committee per [HB 497](#) (Reps. Bedey, Fuller, Jones, Keogh, Windy Boy and Sens. Bogner, Morigeau, and Salomon)

### **Early Education/Pre-K**

Monitor federal proposals/developments

### **K-12**

K-12 funding (basic refresher; property taxes; equity; tuition; facilities; also, an early reminder that the School Funding Interim Commission—aka "the decennial study"—will need to be formed during the 2025-26 interim or sooner pursuant to [20-9-309\(5\)](#) and [5-20-301](#))

Recruitment and retention; monitor [HB 403](#) (Grow Your Own) implementation\*

Monitor implementation of [HB 279](#) (education tax credits)

Career and Technical Education\*

Student well-being; Youth Risk Behavior Survey presentation (possibly Sept 2021)

School choice topics (charter schools; education savings accounts)

Instructional innovation (digital and online learning; MT Digital Academy; personalized/competency-based models; [HB 351](#) transformational learning implementation)

Dual Enrollment and "1, 2, Free" program impacts\*

School health benefits

District size classifications

### **Postsecondary**

Monitor efforts related to Section E Shared Policy Goals and HB 2 OTO funding initiatives (finishing trades, teacher education and proficiency-based education)

Basics of postsecondary funding (MUS, CCs, Tribal Colleges)

Costs, tuition, and student loan debt

Monitor Bitterroot Valley Community College opening

\*These topics have both K-12 and postsecondary components