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# Education Interim Committee

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## FINAL AGENDA (posted 6/13)

### Education Interim Committee

June 14, 2022

Room 137, Montana Capitol, and via Zoom

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

### Tuesday, June 14

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order - roll call - review agenda - Chair McClafferty
- 8:35 Administrative rule review/litigation update – Laura
- 8:45 Agency-requested legislation from Montana State Library
- 9:00 Update on lead in school water – Greg Montgomery, DEQ; Jay Phillips, OPI; and BJ Biskupiak, DPHHS (via Zoom)
- 9:30 Montana Art Council update – Tatiana Gant, Executive Director
- 10:00 Office of Public Instruction
- Recent Montana Teachers of the Year (TOY), introductions and input – Bill Stockton, 2022 TOY, science teacher at Arlee High School; Kristi Borge, 2021 TOY; multi-grade elementary at Polaris; Dylan Huisken, 2019 TOY, middle school social studies in Bonner (via Zoom)
  - Agency-requested legislation
  - Other updates – licensure system; progress on ARM Chapters 55, 57, and 58; school report cards; Montana Alternative Student Testing (MAST); HB 644
- 11:30 Resident student access update and portal demonstration – Scott Lemmon, MUS Director of Admissions and Enrollment Strategy
- Noon Lunch (lunch provided for committee members)
- 1:00 p.m. Committee work session
- Reports for Sept meeting (see memo)

- Review of provisional bill drafts (see memo and individual drafts; public comment will be taken on each draft)
- Committee discussion; directions to staff

- 2:15 K-12 employee health benefits (2:30 time certain for Mr. Iseminger)
- Framing the conversation; some numbers; Senate Bill No. 69 (2017) – Pad
  - Dave Iseminger, Program Director, Public Employees Benefits Board and School Employees Benefits Board, Washington State Health Care Authority (via Zoom)
  - Committee questions for Mr. Iseminger
  - Info/Perspectives/Discussion – Sarah Piper, MFPE; Lance Melton, MTSBA; Amy Jenks, Health Care & Benefits Division Administrator, Dept of Administration
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 HJ 47 study of educational programs for the incarcerated
- Department of Corrections (MWP, mental health, education staffing) – Scott Eychner, Rehabilitation and Programs Chief Executive; Gayle Butler, Montana Correctional Enterprises Administrator
  - Board of Pardons and Parole (basic process, consideration of inmate educational progress) – Chairman Steve Hurd; Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff (via Zoom)
  - Crossroads Correctional Center (via Zoom)
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 5:00 Public Comment\* on any topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 5:15 Review September agenda topics – directions to staff – adjourn

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