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# Education Interim Committee

67th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

### Education Interim Committee

September 13-14, 2021 Room 317, State Capitol

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

### Monday, September 13

- 1:00 Call to order - roll call - review agenda/materials – Sen. McClafferty
- 1:10 Administrative Rule Review – Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
- 1:25 MUS Fall updates – Helen Thigpen, Executive Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
- 1:45 OPI/OCHE joint presentation on Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways
- Overview of CTE Pathways – Jacque Treaster, Director of Dual Enrollment and CTE, OCHE; Sarah Swanson, Chief of Staff, OPI
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Fall updates – Superintendent Arntzen and OPI staff
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
- 4:00 OPI Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) presentation – Susan Court, School Health Coordinator, OPI
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
- 4:30 DPHHS school masking rule update – Paula Stannard, Chief Legal Counsel, DPHHS
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion

5:00 Public Comment\* on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction

5:15 Recess until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14

## **Tuesday, September 14**

- 8:30 HJ 47 study of educational programs for the incarcerated
- Overview of current programs, inmate educational status, participation rates, and outcomes – Director Brian Gootkin, Gayle Butler, and Marisa Britton-Bostick, Montana Department of Corrections
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 School health benefits panel - Diane Fladmo, MFPE; Andy Holmlund, MSSF/MUST; Lance Melton, MTSBA; Connie Welsh, former director of State of Montana and MUS health plans)
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
  - Committee action, if any; direction to staff/next steps
- 11:15 Montana Heritage Center update – Molly Kruckenberg, Director, MHS
- Public comment
  - Committee questions/discussion
- 11:30 Public Comment\* on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 11:45 Work plan updates and November Missoula meeting discussion/planning
- 12:00 Wrap up – EDIC adjourn; lunch provided for committee members
- 1 - 5 p.m. Convene jointly with the Education Interim Budget Committee (see separate agenda)

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