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AGENDA

Education Interim Committee
January 9-10, 2024 Room 317, State Capitol
(including joint meeting with the
Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee)

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

Tuesday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order – roll call – Chairman Salomon
- 10:05 Administrative Rule Review – Laura Sankey Keip
- 10:15 Montana Arts Council overview and update – Krys Holmes, Executive Director
- 10:45 Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) – Overview and updates panel
- MSDB School Ambassadors
 - Amerra Portee
 - Avyia Kosine
 - Sheri Devlin, Transition Coordinator, MSDB
 - Paul Furthmyre, Superintendent, MSDB
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion with the committee
- Noon Recess for lunch
- 1:00 2023 education legislation implementation updates
- Department of Revenue – Tony Zammit, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
 - HB 408 – ed tax credits
 - Office of Public Instruction
 - HB 203 – open enrollment – Paul Taylor, Senior Budget Analyst, and Nicole Thuotte, AIM Unit Director
 - HB 393 – sp ed ESAs – Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer
 - HB 352 – early literacy – Christy Mock-Stutz, Assistant Supt
 - HB 408 – ed tax credits – Paul Taylor
 - ESSER Updates – Wendi Fawns, ESSER/EANS Director
 - Board of Public Education – McCall Flynn, Executive Director
 - HB 352 – early literacy
 - HB 549 – charters

- HB 562 – choice schools
 - School Administrators of Montana – Dr. Rob Watson, Executive Director
 - HB 332 – school health trust
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion with the committee
- 2:15 Teacher Recruitment and Retention
- Overview of TEACH Act – Pad and Laura
 - Chronic absenteeism and SB 129 (2023) – Pad and Laura
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion with the committee
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Community Schools
- Definition, elements, research, funding – Anna Maier, Senior Policy Advisor, Learning Policy Institute
 - Community Schools in Idaho – Christa Rowland, Western Regional Deputy Director for the Coalition for Community Schools
 - Lowell Elementary, Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) – Barbara Frank, Academic and Community Services Director, MCPS, and Rae Cooper, Principal, Lowell Elementary
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion with the committee
- 4:15 School funding cont'd – Other funds: transportation, retirement, building reserve, and debt service – Pad and Julia Pattin, LFD
- 4:45 Public comment
- 5:00 Next meeting agenda – directions to staff – adjourn

Wednesday, January 10 - Joint meeting with the Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee (Education Interim Budget Committee members also invited)

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order – roll call
- 8:05 Committee descriptions and duties
- MARA role in statute and products/outcomes – Joshua Poulette and Nick VanBrown, LFD
 - EDIC role and work plan – Pad McCracken and Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
 - EIBC role and work plan – Julia Pattin, LFD
- 8:30 The Future of Education
- Ulcca Joshi Hansen, Chief Program Officer, Grantmakers for Education, and author of "The Future of Smart"
 - Virgel Hammonds, Chief Learning Officer, KnowledgeWorks
 - Questions/discussion with the committees

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| 10:00 | Break |
| 10:15 | Reflections on visit to Bishop Carroll High School – Chairs Jones, Bedey, and Salomon and other participants |
| 10:45 | Artificial intelligence and implications for education – Jason Neiffer, Mike Agostinelli, and Caitlin Byers, Montana Digital Academy |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | <p>For this and future generations: Using Education and Workforce Data to Better Serve Students and Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paige Kowalski and Camila Camborda – Data Quality Campaign • Sean Cottrell and Baron Rodriguez – Data Integration Support Center at WestEd • Montana’s HB 949 (2023 Session) Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rep. David Bedey, Bill Sponsor ○ Pad McCracken, LSD • Questions/discussion with the committees |
| 3:00 | Break |
| 3:15 | <p>School funding: The Decennial Study and Data Haves, Wants, Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the "Decennial Study"? – Pad • Basics of Cost Studies – Mike Griffith, Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst, Learning Policy Institute • Current data tools – Julia • Questions/discussion with the committees |
| 4:30 | Public comment |
| 5:00 | Adjourn |

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