

Possible topics for 2023-2024 Education Interim Committee

for committee discussion, compiled by committee staff, June 2023

General and PK-20+

Collaboration with the Education Interim Budget Committee (Reps. Bedey, Jones, Keogh, Windy Boy and Sens. Esp, Fuller, Morigeau, and Salomon); under HB 946, the EIBC will be getting detailed reports on Advanced Opportunities, Transformational Learning, and both the public and private aspects of the educational tax credits

Follow-up to the meetings of the "constitutional players" in education held in June and Sept 2022

PK-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 pursuant to [20-9-309\(5\)](#) and [5-20-301](#))

Monitor preliminary implementation of [HB 352](#) – targeted interventions for early literacy; the program won't be up and running until the 2024-2025 school year, but BPE and OPI will be laying the groundwork

Recruitment and retention:

- Grow Your Own
- Teacher Residency (new program under [HB 833](#))
- Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program (revised under [SB 70](#) in 2023)

Monitor progress of establishment of school district health trust under [HB 332](#)

Monitor implementation of changes to education tax credits under [HB 408](#)

Student well-being and mental health; CSCT

Monitor implementation of various school choice bills:

- [HB 203](#) – open enrollment
- [HB 393](#) – education savings accounts for children with disabilities
- [HB 549](#) – public charter schools
- [HB 562](#) – community choice schools

Selection and review of school curriculum and school library materials; sex ed notification

MT Digital Academy governance changes and establishment of "clearinghouse" under [HB 749](#)

Monitor implementation of [HB 949](#) – education and workforce data governance – first report in September 2024

Federal school meal changes and identification of economically disadvantaged students

Postsecondary

Joint meeting(s) with Regents? (Sept 20-21 in Butte; Nov 16-17 in Missoula)

Leave to EIBC to monitor Shared Policy Goals and HB 2 OTO funding initiatives?