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# Education Interim Committee

68th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

Education Interim Committee  
November 15-17, 2023  
Bonner and Missoula

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

### Site visits

*The committee will visit Bonner School on Wednesday afternoon, November 15; Missoula County Public Schools sites (Sentinel and Hellgate High Schools and Lowell Elementary) during the morning on Thursday, November 16; and Missoula College on Friday morning, November 17. These visits are limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must register by noon on November 8. If you wish to participate in these visits, please contact Pad McCracken (406-444-3595 or [pad.mccracken@legmt.gov](mailto:pad.mccracken@legmt.gov)).*

### Wednesday, November 15

*Bonner School site visit (see above)*

### Thursday, November 16

*Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) site visits in the morning jointly with the Board of Public Education (see above)*

- 12:00 p.m. Joint meeting with Board of Public Education (BPE) – Missoula County Public Schools Board Room (MCPS Admin Building A, 915 South Ave West)
- Reflections on Bishop Carroll High School site visit (Calgary)
  - Reflections on Bonner and MCPS site visits
  - Legislation implementation updates -
    - HB 352 – early literacy
    - SB 373 – alternative teacher certification
    - HB 549 – charter schools
    - HB 562 – community choice schools
  - Overview of Democracy Youth Engagement Program – Tyson Warner, Program Officer, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center

- 1:00 Adjourn joint meeting and travel to UM (BPE meeting will continue)
- 2:00 Call to order – roll call – Chairman Salomon – UC 329, University Center, University of Montana – Missoula
- 2:05 Administrative Rule Review – Laura Sankey Keip
- 2:10 Summer EBT Program update – OPI written response to committee letter
- 2:15 Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) update – Mike Agostinelli, Assistant Director and Curriculum Director, MTDA
- 2:30 HB 332 – school district health insurance trust update (written update)
- 2:45 Teacher Recruitment and Retention
  - Panel discussion with Educator Prep Program leaders
  - Panel discussion with in-service teaching candidates
- 4:30 Public comment
- 4:45 Next meeting agenda – directions to staff
- 5:00 Adjourn

### **Friday, November 17**

*Site visit to Missoula College (see above)*

- 10 a.m. Joint meeting with Board of Regents – UC Ballroom, University Center, University of Montana – Missoula
  - Welcome and introductions
  - MUS initiatives:
    - Sprint Degrees
    - Seamless System
  - MUS Research & EDA Tech Hub update
  - Ongoing collaboration

11:30 a.m. Adjourn joint meeting (Board of Regents meeting wrap-up)

*The State Board of Education (the Board of Regents and Board of Public Education combined) will meet in the UC Ballroom at 1:00 p.m. Committee members and the public are welcome to attend.*

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