



# Education Interim Budget Committee

## 67th Montana Legislature

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## Agenda December 15, 2021 State Capitol Room 152

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call and approval of minutes  
New staff assignments  
Staff introduction – Alice Hecht, LFD
- 8:35 a.m. Montana State Library
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katy Callon, LFD
  - Update on the real-time network, MLIA funding (HB 49), and 911 funding (HB 50) – Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
- 9:00 a.m. Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP) and Immersion Programs
- Overview of Rep. Windy Boy's work
  - Accessing MILP Program materials at the Montana Historical Society – Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society Director
  - Panel Discussion - TBD
- 10:30 a.m. Public Comment
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Commissioner of Higher Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katie Guenther, LFD
  - Update on shared policy goals – OCHE
  - Update on one-time-only appropriations for Finishing Trades, Teacher Education Programs, Workforce Recovery, Accelerate Montana, Cyber Hub, and HiSET – TBD
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided for committee members)
- 1:00 p.m. Montana Historical Society
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katie Guenther, LFD
- 1:15 p.m. Montana Arts Council
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD

- 1:30 p.m. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB)
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
  - Update on the phone system – MSDB
- 1:50 p.m. Board of Public Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
  - Funding and duties of the Board of Public Education – Alice Hecht, LFD
  - Historical perspective on changes in accreditation standards and potential statutory changes– Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
  - Update on Covid-19 Funding – OPI
  - Update on the implementation of CSCT – OPI
  - Update on the implementation of HB 206 – OPI
  - Fall Enrollment and Potential Implications to the Budget- OPI
  - Options for funding K-12 enrollment increases – Paul Taylor, OPI Budget Analyst
  - Update on staffing levels for the Database Modernization project and Indian Education programs (Indian Language Immersion, Indian Language Preservation, Indian Education for All, and Indian Student Achievement) – OPI
- 4:30 p.m. Committee Discussion – Next steps for the work plan
- 5:00 p.m. Public Comment
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn