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# Education Interim Committee

68th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

Education Interim Committee  
June 28, 2023  
Room 102, State Capitol

"In the heat of the tightly structured, 90-day session, legislators often identify issues they want to study in more depth. The interim offers you a more measured opportunity to research, meet with subject-matter experts, and listen to the public's perspectives on critical and complex issues. It allows you to define problems, explore alternatives, seek solutions, and propose and test ideas."

"Life After Sine Die"

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

### Wednesday, June 28

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order - roll call - member and staff introductions - Sen. Salomon
- 10:15 Committee administration - Pad McCracken, Committee Staff
- Compensation and expense reimbursement
  - Committee background
  - Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
  - Committee discussion/adoption of rules
  - Election of committee presiding officers
- 10:45 Work plan overview - Pad and Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
- Article X and constitutional considerations, roles, and responsibilities
  - Overview of draft work plan
    - Statutory duties
    - Administrative rule review
    - Coordination with Education Interim Budget Committee
    - Proposed dates
    - 2021-2022 EDIC Committee Bill Outcome
    - Other topics
- 11:30 Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) - Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education
- OCHE/Board of Regents update and activities
  - Requests/suggestions for work plan

- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Board of Public Education (BPE) – McCall Flynn, Executive Director
- Overview of BPE role and duties
  - BPE role in implementing 2023 legislation
  - Requests/suggestions for work plan
- 2:00 Office of Public Instruction (OPI) - Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Introductions and updates on major initiatives/topics of interest
  - Implementation timeline for HB 287 – revisions to Montana Indian Language Preservation Program
  - Requests/suggestions for work plan
- 2:30 Stakeholder and public comment on work plan
- 3:00 Work plan discussion
- How does the committee wish to fulfill its statutory duties?
  - What other topics does the committee wish to explore and to what degree?
  - Work plan and meeting schedule revision and possible adoption
- 3:45 Public Comment\* on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 4:00 Wrap up - next meeting date and agenda items – adjourn

\*Public comment provided in person to the committee is a public record that is videotaped, archived, and available on the Internet. Public comment submitted in writing at a committee meeting is a public record that will be posted to the legislative website as part of the minutes log for the committee meeting.

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