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AGENDA (updated 9/13/2024) Education Interim Committee September 16-17, 2024 Room 317, State Capitol

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

Monday, September 16

- 1:30 p.m. Call to order – roll call – review agenda
- 1:35 Administrative Rule Review – Laura Sankey Keip
- 2:00 MUS Updates – Joe Thiel, Interim Deputy Commissioner, Academic, Research and Student Affairs and Director of Academic Policy and Research, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
- Dual Enrollment update
 - Year to Career Initiative
 - MUS Sprint Degrees
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
- 2:30 Education and Workforce Development for the Incarcerated through Reentry – panel discussion on multi-agency efforts
- Scott Eychner, Administrator, Rehabilitation & Programs Division, DOC
 - Barb Wagner, Administrator, Workforce Services Division, DLI
 - Ange King, Director of Transfer and Special Projects, OCHE
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Information on Educational Opportunities as required in 20-3-326, MCA
- Lance Melton, Executive Director, MTSBA
 - Superintendent Matt Jensen and Trustee Sue Corrigan, Kalispell
 - Superintendent Erwin Garcia and Trustee Jenn Hoffmann, Billings
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 - Superintendent Eric Terrill, Pryor

- Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
- 4:15 School Funding Clean-up Bill Drafts – Pad and Paul Taylor, OPI
- Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
 - Committee action
- 4:45 Agency-requested legislation – decision on BPE request from June to clarify opening procedures and modify timelines in HB 549 (Anderson; 2023; Public Charter Schools)
- Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
 - Committee action
- 5:00 Public comment on any topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 5:15 Adjourn

Tuesday, September 17 – Joint meeting with the Education Interim Budget Committee

- 10:00 a.m. School Safety panel
- Christina Hayes, Trustee, Missoula County Public Schools
 - Bill and Robin Bullock, Founders, Jeremy Bullock Memorial Trust
 - Jeremiah Nitz, Vice Principal, Havre High School
 - Megan Conrow, Superintendent/Principal, Beaverhead County High School
 - Tammy Tolleson Knee, School Support Liaison, Montana Safe Schools Center, University of Montana
 - Nancy Berg, Assistant Director, Montana Safe Schools Center, University of Montana
 - Mike Perry, Associate Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, University of Montana
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
- 11:00 HB 332 School District Health Insurance Trust – implementation update
- John Doran, Chief Strategy Officer, Montana School Insurance Alliance and Dr. Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
- 11:30 Update on Teacher Residency Program – HB 833 implementation
- Kirsten Minnick, Teacher Residency Coordinator, UM Western
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion
- Noon Lunch (provided for committee members)

- 12:30 p.m. Montana State Library Early Literacy Programs
- Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
 - Bobbi deMontigny, Lifelong Learning Librarian, Montana State Library
- 1:00 Presentations of selected agency reports (for each report, the agency/entity will provide a brief summary, public comment will be invited, and the committee will have the opportunity for questions/discussion; other education-related reports are posted at <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/eic/required-reports/>)
- Montana Digital Academy – MTDA
 - Advanced Opportunities – McCall Flynn, BPE, and Krystal Smith, Education Innovation Manager, OPI
 - Transformational Learning – McCall Flynn, BPE, and Krystal Smith, Education Innovation Manager, OPI
 - Out-of-district Attendance – Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, OPI
 - Early Literacy Targeted Interventions – Christy Mock-Stutz, Assistant Superintendent, OPI
 - At-Risk Students – Carrie Kouba, Improvement and Engagement Senior Manager, OPI
 - American Indian Students – Dr. Brooke Gondara, Director of Tribal Student Achievement and Relations, OPI
 - Montana Indian Language Preservation Program – Matt Bell, Language and Culture Specialist, OPI
 - Education Tax Credits (HB 946 reporting) – Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, OPI
 - Education and Workforce Data Governing Board (HB 949) - DofA
- 3:30 Early Numeracy
- How is MT/USA doing? – Janice Case, West Regional Director, National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE)
 - What works and how do we know? – Shira Mattera, MDRC
 - How are other states addressing? – Patrick Lyons, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion
- 4:00 Follow-up on June Constitutional Players meeting – Nathan Driskell, Chief Policy Officer, and Janice Case, NCEE
- Takeaways from June “Thought Exchange” input
 - State efforts similar to Montana’s Constitutional Players convenings
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion – next steps/future planning for Constitutional Players
- 4:45 EIBC meeting preview
- 5:00 Adjourn

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