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AGENDA

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January 27, 2026

Zoom-only meeting

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

Tuesday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Call to order – roll call – Chair Reksten

8:35 Administrative Rule Review – Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney

8:45 Missoula meeting debrief/discussion – Committee members and staff

8:55 School Funding Interim Commission update – Senators Vinton and Novak; Representatives Deming and Romano; and staff

9:05 Office of Public Instruction update – Superintendent Hedalen

9:25 Public Charter Schools annual report – McCall/BPE

9:45 HJ 53 Study of School Safety – human trafficking prevention and efforts in schools

- Context – Pad
- Overview of problem – Kelly Gilman, Missing Persons Specialist, Steve Crawford, Narcotics Bureau Chief, and Alan Doane, Deputy Attorney General, DOJ
- Recent legislative actions – Dr. Casey Pallister, LSD
- SB 107 implementation – Katie Bloodgood, Deputy Chief of Staff, Sarah Music, Coordinated School Health Director, and Dr. Brooke Gondara, Director of Indian Education, OPI
- Public comment
- Committee questions/discussion

10:45 Improving math achievement/numeracy

- Context – Chair Reksten
- Promising State-level policies – Patrick Lyons, Senior Policy Specialist, Education Program, National Conference of State Legislatures
- New math standards and implementation support – Marie Judisch, Teaching & Learning Senior Manager, and Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer, OPI
- Practitioner Panel
 - Dr. Jennifer Luebeck – Professor and MentorMT Director, Mathematics Education, MSU
 - Jake Warner – Math Teacher (NBCT), Capital High School, Helena; President, Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics; Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching
 - Sandy Squillace - Math Teacher and Instructional Coach, Target Range Elementary, Missoula
- Public comment
- Committee questions/discussion

12:15 Public comment on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction

12:30 p.m. Wrap up – next meeting date and agenda items – adjourn

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