



# School Funding Interim Commission

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## AGENDA

School Funding Interim Commission  
November 13 -14, 2025, Capitol Room 317 and Zoom

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

Public comment is encouraged and will be taken at various times throughout the meeting at the Chairman's discretion and at natural topic breaks.

### Thursday November 13

8:00 a.m. Call to order – roll call – *Chairman Bedey*

8:05 Review Agenda and Updated Work Plan – *Commission staff*

Innovation and Excellence in Education Workshop III – *Nathan Driskell, Chief Policy Officer, Janice Case, Regional Director West, and Matt Bachand, Senior Designer - Policy, National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE)*

This workshop will encompass much of the Commission's 2-day meeting and will include a mix of large-group learning sessions as well as some smaller-group breakouts and two panel discussions.

8:15 Roadshow recap – analysis and insights – *NCEE*

9:00 Graduate Profile Overview and Analysis – *Superintendent Susie Hedalen, Krystal Smith, Education Innovation Manager, and Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer, OPI*

9:30 NCEE Blueprint – *NCEE*

10:30 Break

10:40 Student Panel: Looking in: Montana graduate profiles and opportunities for student success

- Bridger Muri, Miles City Public Schools
- Nikita Kiner, Savage Public Schools
- Dalton Howser, Kalispell Public Schools

- 11:40 Panel Discussion Debrief with Workgroup – *NCEE*
- 12:10 Public Comment
- 12:20 Recess for lunch
- 1:30 Innovation and Excellence in Education Workshop III cont'd – *NCEE*
- 3:30 Teacher Panel: How do we ensure high capacity, forward-looking educators for Montana's students?
  - Catherine Matthews, Elementary Educator, Hyalite Elementary, Bozeman School District, 2023 Montana Teacher of The Year
  - Linda Rost, HS Science Educator, Baker Public Schools, 2020 Montana Teacher of the Year
  - Dawn Sievers, Spanish/English/Art Educator, Power Public Schools, 2025 Montana Teacher of the Year
  - Jake Warner, Math Educator, Helena High School, Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- 4:30 Discussion – *NCEE*
- 5:00 Final Public Comment of the Day
- 5:15 Recess until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14

**Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order
- 8:05 Innovation and Excellence in Education Workshop III cont'd (see Thursday agenda)
- 9:00 Recess for Policy Crosswalk and Design Small Group Breakouts – *NCEE, Legislative Staff, and Guest Experts*
- 11:00 Reconvene for Report Out from Small Groups
- 12:15 p.m. Public Comment
- 12:30 Recess for lunch
- 1:30 Innovation and Excellence in Education Workshop III cont'd
- 2:30 Legislative Audit Division update – Austin Powell
- 2:45 School funding training
- 3:30 Final public comment of the meeting
- 4:00 Commission Work Session
  - Commission Work Plan, Calendar
  - Review plans for December 15 Zoom-only meeting – directions to staff

4:30

Adjourn

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