



# School Funding Interim Commission

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## FINAL AGENDA

School Funding Interim Commission  
September 15-16, 2025, Capitol Room 317 and Zoom

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

### Monday, September 15

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order – roll call – *Chairman Bedey*
- 8:05 Review Agenda and Work Plan; “Roadshows” update – *Commission staff*
- 8:15 Innovation and Excellence in Education “Deep Dive” – *Nathan Driskell, Chief Policy Officer, and Janice Case, Regional Director West, and Matt Bachand, Senior Designer - Policy, National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE)*

This Deep Dive 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. Elements of the deep dive will be driven by these questions:

- Given how young people are changing and the rapid rate at which the world is changing – what might be the case for change and how might we reimagine Montana’s current educational system?
- What lessons can be learned from high-performing education systems around the world and how might those lessons inform our perspective of the Montana educational system?
- How can the previous work of Montana’s Constitutional Players and efforts in other states inform/accelerate the Commission’s “Phase I” work?
- What are the Commissioners’ initial reflections based on what you’ve learned and discussed? What of this learning should be emphasized at the “Roadshows”?

- 12:00 p.m. Recess for lunch
- 1:00 Innovation and Excellence in Education “Deep Dive” cont’d

- 4:00 School funding training I – *Commission staff*
- 5:00 Public Comment
- 5:15 NCEE prep for Tuesday – *NCEE staff*
- 5:30 Recess until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16

## **Tuesday, September 16**

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order
- 8:05 Innovation and Excellence in Education “Deep Dive” cont’d (see Monday agenda)
- 12:00 p.m. Recess for lunch
- 1:00 Innovation and Excellence in Education “Deep Dive” cont’d
- 3:00 School funding training II – *Commission staff*
- 4:00 Public Comment
- 4:30 Commission work session
  - Commission Work Plan, Calendar
  - Review plans for October 14-15 meeting – directions to staff
- 5:00 Adjourn

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