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DRAFT AGENDA

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Room 137, State Capitol

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

- 8:00 **Call to order, roll call** - Sen. Tom Facey, acting presiding officer
- 8:05 **Introduction of members and staff**
- 8:20 **Administrative matters** - Pad McCracken, Commission Staff
- Rules, procedures, and guidelines for interim committees
 - Public comment guidelines
 - Budget and member reimbursements
 - Commission background and agenda overview
 - Selection of presiding officer
- 8:45 **Commission work session #1 - Input on school funding study**
- Survey results - Pad McCracken
 - Input from the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education - Madalyn Quinlan, OPI; and Pete Donovan, BPE
 - Input from education community
 - Public comment*
 - Questions from the commission/discussion
- 11:00 **Commission work session #2 - School funding in Montana**
- 50,000 foot level - Pad McCracken
 - Overview of district level funds - Denise Williams, MASBO
 - Overview of district general fund - Rob Miller, LFD
 - Establishing a district general fund budget hands-on exercise - Janelle Mickelson and Paul Taylor, OPI
 - Questions from the commission/discussion
- 12:00 **Lunch Break** (lunch will be provided for commissioners)

12:30 **School funding in Montana (cont'd)**

3:00 **Commission work session #3 - Commission resources and discussion of work plan**

- GIS school district mapping tool - Maya Dario and Michael Fashoway, Montana State Library
- GEMS Data Warehouse School Finance - TBD, OPI
- Education Commission of the States as resource, Mike Griffith, Senior Policy Analyst, ECS
- Commission discussion and outline of work plan

Questions for discussion, directions to staff

1. *What topics does the commission want to investigate as part of its "reassessment of the needs and costs related to the basic system of free quality elementary and secondary schools"?*
2. *What information or additional tools does the commission need in order to conduct its investigation?*
3. *What support from the Education Commission of the States will benefit the Commission's work?*
4. *When and for how long does the commission want to meet next?*

5:00 **Wrap up and adjourn**

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