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FINAL AGENDA Education Interim Committee August 22, 2017 Room 137, State Capitol

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

Tuesday, August 22

- 8:30 Call to order, roll call – Chair McClafferty
- 8:40 Administrative Rule Review - Julie Johnson, Staff Attorney
- 8:50 Montana State Library update - Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
- 9:10 Montana Historical Society update - Bruce Whittenberg, MHS Director
- 9:30 Agency monitoring - Office of Public Instruction; Supt. Elsie Arntzen
- Accessing K-12 information (GEMS, GIS maps) - Brett Carter, OPI, and Pad McCracken, Committee Staff
 - Background on K-12 Shared Policy Goals - Pad
 - ESSA update - Susie Hedalen, OPI
 - Other updates; questions from the committee
 - Public Comment on K-12 issues
- 10:45 HJ 1 study of educational programs for students with special needs
- Overview of previous studies - Pad
 - Special Education funding, programs, best practices, and costs - Frank Podobnik, Director of Special Education, OPI
 - Report on MUS meeting regarding gifted and talented education and teacher preparation programs - Reps. Funk and Jones and Sen. McClafferty
 - Public comment on HJ 1
 - Review HJ 1 study plans for future EDIC meetings - Pad
- 12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 Agency monitoring - Montana University System (MUS)
- Review EDIC statutes and past efforts to collaborate with Board of Regents - Pad and Shauna Albrecht, LFD Analyst
 - Review MUS and K-20 Shared Policy Goals and MUS Strategic Plan - Pad and Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner, OCHE
 - Update on MUS initiatives - Commissioner Clayton Christian
 - Public Comment on MUS
 - Committee discussion with Commissioner Christian and Regents William Johnstone, Robert Nystuen, and Martha Sheehy
- 3:30 Public comment on additional topics within EDIC's jurisdiction
- 3:45 Committee work session to finalize work plan and set meeting dates
- 4:30 Adjourn

Excerpts from the Montana Constitution - Article X. Education and Public Lands

Section 1. Educational goals and duties. (1) It is the goal of the people to establish a system of education which will develop the full educational potential of each person. Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state.

(3) The legislature shall provide a basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools. The legislature may provide such other educational institutions, public libraries, and educational programs as it deems desirable. It shall fund and distribute in an equitable manner to the school districts the state's share of the cost of the basic elementary and secondary school system.

Section 8. School district trustees. The supervision and control of schools in each school district shall be vested in a board of trustees to be elected as provided by law.

Section 9. Boards of education.

(2) (a) The government and control of the Montana university system is vested in a board of regents of higher education which shall have full power, responsibility, and authority to supervise, coordinate, manage and control the Montana university system and shall supervise and coordinate other public educational institutions assigned by law.

(3) (a) There is a board of public education to exercise general supervision over the public school system and such other public educational institutions as may be assigned by law. Other duties of the board shall be provided by law.

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