



# Quality Schools Interim Committee

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## QUALITY SCHOOLS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Thursday and Friday, July 21-22, 2005  
Room 137, State Capitol

### AGENDA

*Agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than indicated.*

#### Thursday, July 21, 2005

- 9:00 a.m.**                      **Call to Order** - Rep. Monica Lindeen
- ▶ Roll call
  - ▶ Budget issues
- 9:05 a.m.**                      **Consultants' Updates**
- ▶ Teacher compensation study - Dr. Young and Dr. Stoddard
  - ▶ R.C. Wood & Associates
    - public needs assessment surveys and school district surveys
    - procedures for selecting professional judgement panels - Steve Smith and Sen. Ryan
- 10:00 a.m.**                      **Discussion on school funding formula**
- 11:00 a.m.**                      **Staff Reports**
- Transportation - Jim Standaert, LFD
  - School district fund structure - Eddy McClure, LSD, Joan Anderson, OPI, and Kathy Fabiano
- NOON**                              **LUNCH**

- 1:15 p.m. Continue staff reports**
- 1: 45 p.m. Tax Policy/Tax Equity** - Dan Dodds, Nancy Hall, and Ryan Jose, OBPP
- 3:45 p.m. Public Comment**
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn for the day**

**Friday, July 22, 2005**

- 8:30 a.m. Reconvene** - Rep. Lindeen
- 8:35 a.m. Retirement Issues**
- ▶ David Senn, Teacher Retirement System
  - ▶ Mike O'Connor, Public Employees Retirement System
- 9:35 a.m. Health insurance data gathering** Amy Carlson, OBPP
- 9:45 a.m. Panel discussion on health insurance coverage**
- ▶ Connie Welsh, Department of Administration, Moderator
  - ▶ Bob Robinson/Bev Spoja, Montana Unified School Trust (MUST)
  - ▶ Blue Cross/Blue Shield
  - ▶ Jimmy Senterfitt, New West Health Services
  - ▶ Susan Witte, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc.
  - ▶ Jim Edwards, Mountain West Benefits Solutions
- 11:45 a.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Policy goals for health insurance coverage** - Committee discussion
- 2:00 p.m. Public Comment**
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting wrap-up**
- ▶ changes to August and September meeting dates
  - ▶ October public hearings
  - ▶ agenda items for next meeting
  - ▶ instructions to staff
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment**