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AGENDA

School Funding Interim Commission
June 17-18, 2026 Room 317, Montana Capitol and Zoom

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

Wednesday June 17

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order – roll call – introduce new commissioners – *Chairman Bedey*
- 8:10 Review updated work plan and meeting agenda – *Commission staff*
- 8:15 Successful School District Study Part 1 – *Justin Silverstein, Co-CEO, and Dr. Amanda Brown, Vice President, APA Consulting*
- Review of the SSD selection process and identification of successful districts
 - Initial foundation per pupil funding analysis
 - Results of the survey of successful districts
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Miscellaneous/Follow-up school funding topics – *Commission staff*
- 11:45 Public comment
- 12:00 p.m. Recess for lunch
- 1:00 Overview of School Funding Revenue and Recent Changes – *Julia and Pad*
- 2:30 CAMPS Funding Proposal follow-up
- *Dr. Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana*
 - *Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association*
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Inflation follow-up and possibilities
- Staff paper with information and options – *Pad and Kate*
 - Public comment on inflation
 - Commission questions/discussion/direction

- 4:00 Special Education follow-up and possibilities
- Staff paper with information and options – *Pad and Kate*
 - District information on high-cost students and use of the tuition levy (SB 191) – *Dr. Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana*
 - Public comment on special education
 - Commission questions/discussion/direction
- 4:45 Public comment
- 5:00 Recess for the day

Thursday June 18

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order – *Chairman Bedey*
- 8:05 Successful School District Study Part 2 – *Justin Silverstein, Co-CEO, and Dr. Amanda Brown, Vice President, APA Consulting*
- Follow-up from previous day as necessary
 - Components that could be used with the Foundation amount
 - Weights for special populations
 - Small/Isolated schools
 - Grade level adjustments (will be discussed as part of foundation conversation day one also)
 - Regional Cost Adjustments
 - Addressing BASE and MAX
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 School facilities follow-up and possibilities
- LFC/MARA work update – *LFD staff*
 - Staff paper with information and options – *Pad*
 - Public comment on school facilities
 - Commission questions/discussion/direction
- 11:45 Public comment
- 12:00 p.m. Recess for lunch
- 1:00 Student mental health follow-up and possibilities
- Staff presentation – *Becca*
 - Recap of EDIC discussion – *Becca and EDIC members*
 - Public comment on student mental health
 - Commission questions/discussion
- 1:45 SFIC statute and ongoing Phase I effort bill drafts
- Staff presentation of provisional bill drafts and possibilities – *Laura*
 - Public comment on this agenda item
 - Commission questions/discussion

2:30	Commission work session on potential findings and recommendations and final report – <i>Commission staff</i> • Review of “menu” document and “orders” already placed (if applicable) • Public comment on findings and recommendations • Commission discussion and direction to staff for July 20-21 meeting
3:30	Public comment
4:00	Adjourn

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