

Further Revised
TENTATIVE
AGENDA*

2023 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

October 2 – 3, 2023

Monday, October 2
All-Day Session
Room 112-N—Statehouse

The Education Climate in Kansas and Its Impact on Student Achievement

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 10:05 a.m. Overview of Efforts to Improve Student Outcomes in the Past Five Years
- Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
 - Matthew Willis, Senior Research Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD)
 - Dr. Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
 - Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services, KSDE
 - Bill Faflick, Executive Director, Kansas State High School Activities Association
- 11:15 a.m. How is Post-Gannon State Education Funding Impacting Student Achievement?
- Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
 - Jennifer Light, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
- 12:00 p.m. Break (Working Lunch)
- 12:15 p.m. How are Kansas Students Performing on State Assessments, NAEP, and the ACT Post-Gannon? How are Kansans Performing Compared with Other States?
- Matthew Willis, Senior Research Analyst, KLRD
 - Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services, KSDE
 - Scott Rothschild, Communications Editor, Kansas Association of School Boards
 - Dave Trabert, Chief Executive Officer, Kansas Policy Institute

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- 1:15 p.m. Review of School Needs Assessments and Their Relationship to Student Achievement
- Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
 - Scott Rothschild, Communications Editor, Kansas Association of School Boards
 - Dave Trabert, Chief Executive Officer, Kansas Policy Institute
- 2:15 p.m. Challenges Facing Rural and Urban Schools Today
- Michael Austin, Legislative and Coalitions Director, Americans for Prosperity
 - Kelly Bielefeld, Superintendent, USD 259 Wichita
 - Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
 - Matthew Willis, Senior Research Analyst, KLRD
- 3:15 p.m. Initiatives Focused on Improving Student Achievement
- Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
 - Dr. David Hurford, Director, Center for Research, Evaluation, and Awareness of Dyslexia, Pittsburg State University
 - Dr. Troy Pitsch, Superintendent, USD 329 Wabaunsee
 - Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services, KSDE
 - Ethan Belshe, Senior Advisor for Federal and State Affairs, Office of the Governor
 - Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner, KSDE
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, October 3
All-Day Session
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Understanding At-Risk Student Outcomes in the Public Education System

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:05 a.m. Improving Learning and Opportunity for At-Risk Students
- Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
 - Jennifer Light, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
 - Dr. Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services, KSDE
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation: At-Risk Expenditures Audit
- Heidi Zimmerman, Principal Auditor, Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit
 - Dr. Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services, KSDE
 - Dave Trabert, Chief Executive Officer, Kansas Policy Institute

- 10:15 a.m. Success with At-Risk Learners
- Chuck Knapp, Chief Executive Officer, Jobs for America's Graduates – Kansas
 - Erin Luper, Senior Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Graduation Alliance
 - Kelly Stanford, Chief Programs Officer, SparkWheel
- 11:15 a.m. Opportunities and Challenges Facing Teachers Regarding Student Achievement, Behavior, and Societal and Technological Pressures
- Leah Fliter, Assistant Executive Director of Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards
 - Caedron Sullivan, Teacher
 - Ward Cassidy, Executive Director, Kansas School Board Resource Center
 - Dr. Sara Schwerdtfeger, Interim Dean of Teachers College, Emporia State University
 - Dr. Bret Church, Associate Professor, Emporia State University
 - Linn Exline, Superintendent, USD 305 Salina
 - Garry Sigle, Regional Director, Kansas Association of American Educators
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Parental Rights and Opportunities Relating to Student Achievement and Success
- Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
 - Brittany Jones, Director of Policy and Engagement, Kansas Family Voice
 - Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services, KSDE
 - Lauren Tice Miller, Director of Government Relations and Elections, Kansas National Education Association
 - Linda Highland, Private Citizen
 - Danny Zeck, Private Citizen
 - Matt Frendewey, Vice President of Strategy, Yes. Every Kid. Foundation.
- 2:45 p.m. Proposed Solutions to Improve Student Achievement
- Dr. Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services, KSDE
 - Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services, KSDE
 - Leah Fliter, Assistant Executive Director of Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards
 - Dave Trabert, Executive Chief Officer, Kansas Policy Institute
 - Dr. Patrick Wolf, Professor, University of Arkansas
 - Dr. Michelle Hubbard, Superintendent, USD 512 Shawnee Mission Public Schools
- 4:00 p.m. Proposed Solutions for Building Needs Assessment
- Dr. Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services, KSDE

- Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services, KSDE
- Ward Cassidy, Executive Director, Kansas School Board Resource Center
- Leah Fliter, Assistant Executive Director of Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards
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5:00 p.m.

Adjourn