



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 29, 2023
Pioneer Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)
- 9:10 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- 9:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of effective parameters for school district ending fund balances
- 9:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Adam Tescher, School Finance Officer, Department of Public Instruction, regarding school district ending fund balances
- 10:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of school choice models implemented nationally for K-12 schools
- 10:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Lucy Berrier Matheson, Hunt Institute, regarding school choice models
- 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the feasibility and desirability of replacing storm days with virtual instruction days
- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction, regarding storm days and virtual days
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Joe Kolosky, Director, Office of School Approval and Opportunity, Department of Public Instruction, of a report regarding requests from schools or school districts for waivers of rules governing the accreditation of schools under North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-06-08
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Ann Ellefson, Director, Office of Academic Support, Department of Public Instruction, and Mr. Kolosky of annual reports of the innovative education program, including the status of the implementation plan, a summary of any waived statutes or rules, and a review of evaluation date results under Section 15.1-06-08.2, and a report regarding waiver applications under Section 15.1-06-08.1
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's studies of school choice models, school ending fund balances, and storm days replacing virtual instruction days
- 2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Michelle Axtman (Chairman), Todd Beard, Cole Conley, Jay Elkin, Judy Estenson, Doug Larsen, Kent Weston

Representatives: LaurieBeth Hager, Patrick Hatlestad, Dori Hauck, Pat D. Heinert, Jim Jonas, Donald W. Longmuir, Andrew Marschall, David Monson, Eric James Murphy, Mitch Ostlie, David Richter, Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, Kelby Timmons

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