

Legislative Education Study Committee

**Rio Rancho Public Schools Administration Building
500 Laser Rd NE
Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124
October 14-16, 2026**

Wednesday, October 14

- 9:00 (1) Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of October Agenda and September Minutes.
- 9:05 (2) Community Welcome. **Robert W. Dodd, Ed.D.**, Superintendent, Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) (invited)
- 10:00 (3) Access to Student Extracurriculars (“Big 4” Presentation). **RRPS; Albuquerque Public Schools; Santa Fe Public Schools; Las Cruces Public Schools**
- 11:00 (4) Arts, Physical Education, and Libraries. **Conor L. Hicks**, Senior Policy Analyst, LESC
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 (5) Strengthening the Skilled Workforce Pipeline: RIO TECH & CNM Transportation Technology Tour. **RRPS; CNM**
- 3:30 (6) [Public Comment.](#)
- 4:00 Recess

Thursday, October 15

- 9:00 (7) Teacher Workload. **Annie Armatage**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC; **Allison Muncie**, Former Teacher on Special Assignment, LESC
- 10:30 (8) Long-Term Financial Planning. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC; **Yvonne Garcia**, Deputy Secretary of Student Support Services, Public Education Department (PED); **Sara Cordova**, Senior Manager of the School Budget Bureau, PED; **John Binnert**, Executive Director, Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School
- 12:00 Lunch.

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- 1:00 (9) Bilingual Policy and Proficiency. **Evan Chavez**, Policy Analyst, LESC; **Korina Cordova**, Coordinator of Bilingual and Equity, Carlsbad Municipal School District (invited); **Mayra Valtierrez**, Senior Manager, Language and Culture Division (invited)
- 2:30 (10) FY28 Budget Considerations. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC
- 4:00 (11) Potential Committee Endorsed Legislation Proposals. **John Sena**, Director, LESC; **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC
- 4:30 Recess.

Friday, October 16

- 9:00 (12) Director's Report. **John Sena**, Director, LESC
- Newsletter
- 9:30 (13) High Quality Literacy Instruction Act Implementation Update. **Marit Andrews**, Principal Policy Analyst, LESC; **Annie Armatage**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC; **Severo Martinez**, Director, Literacy and Humanities Bureau, PED; **Denise Beutel**, Ph.D., Manager, Educator Pathways Bureau, PED
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