

Legislative Education Study Committee

Gadsden High School Old English Building & Gym

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Anthony, New Mexico 88021

September 22-23, 2026

Tuesday, September 22

- 9:00 (1) Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of September Agenda and July Minutes.
- 9:05 (2) Community Welcome. **Nubia Tarazona**, Superintendent, Gadsden Independent School District
- 10:00 (3) Screen Use in Elementary Classrooms Legislative Taskforce Report. **Marit Andrews**, Principal Analyst, LESC; **Benjamin W. Barlow**, Principal, North Star Elementary School, Albuquerque Public Schools; **Yvonne García**, Deputy Secretary of Student Support Services, Public Education Department (PED); **Renata Witte**, Vice President for Legislation & Advocacy, New Mexico Parent Teacher Association
- 11:15 (4) Civics Seal. **Amanda DeBell**, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, PED; **Jacqueline Costales, Ph.D.**, Executive Manager of Curriculum and Instruction, PED
- 12:15 Lunch.
- 1:00 (5) Secondary Grades Literacy Tour. Member tour at **Gadsden Middle School**
- 3:00 (6) Revenue Estimates. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC; **Ismael Torres**, Chief Economist, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)
- 4:30 Recess.

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:00 (7) Director's Report. **John Sena**, Director, LESC
- Personnel Update
 - Newsletter
 - *Martinez-Yazzie* Update
- 9:30 (8) Assessment Results. **Lynn Vásquez**, Senior Manager, Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability, PED

- 11:00 (9) Priority Schools Bureau. **Amanda DeBell**, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, PED
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 (10) Four-Day School Weeks. **John Sena**, Director, LESC; **Megan Kuhfeld, Ph.D.**, Director of Growth Modeling and Data Analytics, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA); **Scott Griego**, Regional Vice President of Government & State Partnerships, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH)
- 2:30 (11) Educator Career Ladder Framework. **Annie Armatage**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC
- 3:30 (12) PED Administrative Rule Update. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC
- 4:00 (13) [Public Comment.](#)
- 4:30 Recess.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**New Mexico State University
Stan Fulton Center
1815 Wells St.
Las Cruces, NM 88003**

Thursday, September 24

- 8:00 (14) Public Education Department Budget Request. **Mariana Padilla**, Secretary, PED
- Below-the-Line Requests
 - Specials and Public Education Reform Fund (PERF)
- 9:30 (15) School Leadership. **Sunny Liu**, Fiscal Analyst, LFC; **John Sena**, Director, LESC
- 10:45 (16) New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority Status Report. **Patrick Sandoval**, Executive Director, New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority (NMPSIA); **Allegra Hernandez**, Fiscal Analyst, LFC; **Deborah Donaldson**, Senior Vice President, Segal
- 11:45 (17) Public Media Partnership. **Phil Hoffman**, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, New Mexico PBS; **Jeff Pope**, General Manager, KUNM; **Scott Michlin**, General Manager, KSJE Visual
- 12:00 Adjourn