



Legislative Committee Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Virtual via Zoom

Karen Yoho, Chair

Brenda Wolff, Vice Chair

Agenda

1.	Meeting Opening & Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions 	Opening Remarks	Karen Yoho/ Brenda Wolff	10 min.		
2.	Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Session Highlights • New Laws & Implementation 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums	20 min.		
3.	Blueprint Implementation Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State & Local Plans • AIB Legislative Proposals • MSDE Legislative Proposals 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums	20 min.		
4.	State Board & Regulatory Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Licensure & Preparation Regs. • Science of Reading Instruction 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums	10 min.		
5.	MABE Priorities for the 2024 Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Presentation & Discussion 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums	45 min.		
6.	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"> Future Meetings* (tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 11, 2023 • Oct. 23, 2023 • Nov. 13, 2023 • Dec. 4, 2023 • Jan. 8, 2024** • Jan. 22, 2024 • Feb. 5, 2024 </td> <td style="width: 70%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MABE Legislative Day (Feb. 12-16 TBD)</i> • Feb. 26, 2024 • March 11, 2024 • March 25, 2024 • April 15, 2024** </td> </tr> </table>	Future Meetings* (tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 11, 2023 • Oct. 23, 2023 • Nov. 13, 2023 • Dec. 4, 2023 • Jan. 8, 2024** • Jan. 22, 2024 • Feb. 5, 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MABE Legislative Day (Feb. 12-16 TBD)</i> • Feb. 26, 2024 • March 11, 2024 • March 25, 2024 • April 15, 2024** 	Information & Discussion	Karen Yoho/ John Woolums	10 min.
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7.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Karen Yoho			

Meeting Materials

2. Legislative Updates

- MABE's 2023 Legislative Priorities & Positions ([Link](#))
- 2023 Session Highlights ([presentation](#))
- New Task Forces & Workgroups
 - Virtual Learning Study Group ([SB 610](#))
 - Task Force for Nonpublic School Transportation ([HB 486](#))

3. Blueprint Implementation Updates

- State & Local Plans ([AIB website](#))
- AIB Legislative Proposals ([Link](#))
- MSDE Legislative Proposals ([HB 1211, 2023](#))

4. State Board & Regulatory Updates

- Teacher Licensure & Preparation ([MSDE Presentation](#), 1/24/23)
- Science of Reading: [MSDE Memo on Possible Regulations and Legislation](#), 1/24/23)
- Additional Updates

5. MABE Priorities for the 2024 Session

- Staff Presentation & Discussion on State and Local Education Funding Issues
 - Local Fiscal Impact of the Blueprint ([DLS Report, Jan. 2022](#))
 - Local Funding Escalator
 - In 2012, major reforms were enacted to mandate Maintenance of Effort (MOE) as the annual education funding floor for local governments, and reform the MOE waiver and enforcement processes. Since 2012, the law now requires counties to apply for a waiver if they believe they cannot meet MOE, but also expands the factors the State Board must consider. A key provision allows counties to override local charters limiting or capping local taxes, but only for education funding. The 2012 law also mandated modest growth in local education funding by holding counties to an MOE standard based on the statewide average of per pupil spending and county wealth, with mandated increases above MOE capped at 2.5%. The 2020 Blueprint law eliminated this local funding “escalator,” effective in FY 2024.
 - Inflation Factor
 - State law includes an inflation adjustment for state funding, which is calculated as a percentage, rounded to the nearest two decimal places, that is the lesser of: (i) The increase in the implicit price deflator for State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year; (ii) The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington Metropolitan Area, or any successor index, for the second prior fiscal year; or (iii) 5%.
 - State Funding Projections
 - “The cash and structural budget outlook deteriorates substantially in fiscal 2028 due to the costs of ongoing K-12 education enhancements outpacing the availability of special funds in the Blueprint Fund. The Blueprint Fund is expected to close fiscal 2024 with a fund balance approaching \$2.9 billion. This fund balance coupled with annual Blueprint revenues of about \$1.4 billion is sufficient to maintain current Blueprint support for K-12 education and fund most of the increases in K-12 costs for fiscal 2025 through 2027. By the end of fiscal 2027, the Blueprint Fund surplus is exhausted resulting in substantial K-12 costs shifting to the general fund in fiscal 2028.” (DLS Report on “Effect of the 2023 Legislative Program on the Financial Condition of the State” ([DLS Report](#), June 2023))
 - Other Proposals for Discussion

6. Future Meetings

- MABE's Legislative Committee intends to offer the hybrid meeting option to committee members, but strongly encourages in-person attendance, particularly during the legislative session.
- Legislative Committee meetings are regularly held from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, unless otherwise indicated. For example: Meetings on January 8th and April 15th are scheduled from 12:30-2:30 p.m. to follow the Legal Services Association meetings held in the morning on those dates.