

**SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, September 18, 2024
PLACE: E1.036 (Finance Room)
CHAIR: Senator Brandon Creighton

The committee will receive a State of the State of Education and consider the following interim charges:

Reading and Math Readiness: Study current local, state, and national policies and programs that improve student achievement in reading and mathematics, with an emphasis on "early readiness" in grades preK-5. Make recommendations to ensure every student has a strong academic foundation in reading and math.

Testing Reform: Review the state's current development and phase-in of the STAAR test redesign and ongoing innovative assessment reforms, including the Texas Through-Year Assessment Pilot (TTAP). Recommend ways to accelerate current testing improvement efforts and the development of a real-time testing program that meets the educational needs of Texas students.

COVID-19 Funding Oversight: Examine and report on COVID-19 how public schools spent federal funds since the beginning of the pandemic, including funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with a dual focus on demonstrated improved student outcomes and efficient use of taxpayer funds.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education passed by the 88th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of parent-approved health education.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education passed by the 88th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- measures ensuring public school safety; and

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- oversight of public school library procurement and content policies

Public testimony will be limited to two minutes per person. If providing written testimony, please submit 15 copies with your name on each copy.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **

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