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SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Education

TIME & DATE: 9:30 AM, Tuesday, October 6, 2026

PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)

CHAIR: Senator Donna Campbell

The Senate Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 6 to consider invited and public testimony on the following interim committee charges issued by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick:

Maximizing Instructional Time: Review the 200+ districts who utilize a 4-day school week or other hybrid models and the related learning loss in reading and math. Study the effect of academic schedules, in particular the decline of school days, and its impact on students and families. Create guidelines to support public schools and maximize student achievement.

Shifting Enrollment, Right-Sizing: Despite the state's rapid overall population growth, school age enrollment is declining – from 5.54 million to 5.47 million students in the last two years. Examine the impact of student enrollment patterns in Texas public schools. Identify strategies to maximize the efficient use of tax dollars by school districts while maintaining access to high-quality learning programs and student outcomes.

Improving School Transformation Talent: Evaluate the existing access to and efficacy of experts in improving school academic performance. Develop suggestions to strengthen and expand the current leadership pipeline, including public school training, policies, and practices that accelerate academic progress.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education passed by the 89th 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:

House Bill 2 (89th Legislature), relating to public education and public school finance – **Reviewing Historic Pay Increases for Teachers:** Review teacher pay increases passed by the Legislature over the last decade, including the historic pay increase in House Bill 2, 89th Legislature. Monitor the implementation of teacher pay increases and their impact on teacher incomes, including efforts to close the rural pay gap.

Senate Bill 571 (89th Legislature), relating to the reporting and investigation of certain misconduct and child abuse and neglect; creating a criminal offense.

Public testimony **will be limited to two minutes per person.** If providing written testimony, please submit 10 copies with your name on each copy.

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

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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR PERSONAL ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES, ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE SENATE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR AT 512/463-0070, 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.