

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
House Committee on Education
Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

01:00 PM

Room 171, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair
Sen. Eddie Joe Williams
Sen. Alan Clark
Sen. Bobby J. Pierce
Sen. Jim Hendren
Sen. Eddie Cheatham
Sen. Blake Johnson

Rep. Greg Leding
Rep. Reginald Murdock
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. Justin T. Harris
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin
Rep. James Ratliff
Rep. Jeremy Gillam
Rep. John W. Walker
Rep. Nate Bell

Rep. Bruce Cozart
Rep. Scott Baltz
Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas
Rep. Mark Lowery
Rep. Mark D. McElroy
Rep. Charles L. Armstrong
Rep. Bill Gossage
Rep. Warwick Sabin
Rep. Grant Hodges
Rep. Michael John Gray

- A. Call to Order - 1:00 P.M.
- B. Remarks by the Chairs and Reports from Members Who Attended Recent Meetings Concerning Public or Higher Education
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the November 17, 2014 Meeting [**Exhibit C**]
- D. Update on Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science (AAIMS)
Dr. Ken James, President, Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- E. Discussion of Issues Related to the Common Core State Standards Initiative
Ms. Jane Robbins, Attorney and Senior Fellow, American Principles Project, Washington, DC
- F. Discussion of Issues Related to Public School Choice as Established by Act 1227 of 2013
- G. Continued Discussion of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) 2013-002 by Representative Charles Armstrong, REQUESTING THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE BEST PRACTICES FROM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE STATE AND IN THE NATION THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN ARKANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPROVE

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THE EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS. [Exhibit G]

The Honorable Charles Armstrong, State Representative, District 30

- H. Continued Discussion of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) 2013-139 by Representative Alexander, TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. **[Exhibit H]**
The Honorable Randy Alexander, State Representative, District 88
- I. Other Business
- J. Adjournment