***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Interim Education Committee**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first hearing held by the [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Education](https://www.senate.mo.gov/sied/)…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: meeting to order….**

The panel was formed earlier this year. This committee plans to spend the remainder of the year studying the issues and then making recommendations to the full Missouri Senate regarding transparency, accountability and efficiency in the state’s public education system.

Senator Karla Eslinger of Wasola is the panel’s chair…

 **Eslinger :14 Q: for all kids.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City also serves on the committee. Part of this week’s hearing focused on upcoming changes to the Missouri School Improvement Program…

 **Arthur :21 Q: state education funding.**

Higher salaries for Missouri’s teachers are also included in the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget. Senator Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina is vice-chair of this panel…

 **O’Laughlin :20 Q: can do it.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis also serves on the committee. He says failing test scores can undo the state’s efforts to improve education…

 **Beck :19 Q: good for kids.**

The next hearing for the Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Education is expected to include public testimony.

This is one of three groups expected to meet yet this year. The [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Illegal Immigration](https://www.senate.mo.gov/siii/) held its second meeting this week. The [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Firefighting Districts](https://www.senate.mo.gov/sifd/) has not yet met. We will continue to follow these groups throughout the interim.

Next up for lawmakers will be the annual veto session. Missouri senators will return to the Capitol in mid-September for what is typically a relatively short day for them. This year, the governor vetoed four measures, as well as several line items in the budget for the current fiscal year. Veto session is set for Sept. 14.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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