



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2026

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Bill Landen, Chairman
Representative Abby Angelos, Vice Chair

SUBJECT 2026 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Committee on School Facilities

The Select Committee on School Facilities (Committee) met on March 5, 2026, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2026 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three one-day meetings and one half-day for school facility tours, prior to the 2027 General Session.

2026 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Statutory Responsibilities

The Committee is charged by W.S. 28-11-301 with the following obligations: (1) monitor the assessment of statewide school facility needs, the prioritization of those needs and remediation of identified needs as undertaken by the School Facilities Commission (Commission) and State Construction Department (Department); (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to school facilities and Commission and Department programs and procedures to maintain statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review and provide recommendations on proposed commission rules. This work will result in a budget recommendation for the 2027 supplemental budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2026, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

Priority #2 – Respond to Court Decision (10 hours)

The Committee will consider the ruling in Wyoming Education Association v. State of Wyoming, No. 2022-CV-0200788 (Wyo. 1st Jud. Dist. Ct., Feb. 26, 2025) and consider any potential response related to K-12 public school facilities. The Committee's review will include consideration of any rule or statutory modifications necessary to align with that ruling, or any other judicial decision rendered over the course of the 2026 interim that may relate to K-12 public school facilities.

Priority #3 – Enrollment Relationship to Routine and Major Maintenance (4 hours)

The Committee will study major and routine school facility maintenance, including the equity of current funding formulas across school districts. The study will examine how enrollment, including average daily membership, affects routine and major maintenance funding, particularly in districts experiencing declining enrollment. The Committee will also review maintenance needs for facilities constructed prior to current adequacy standards, including enhancements that exceed those standards, and circumstances where districts

lack sufficient resources to address major maintenance issues that may pose health, safety, or emergency concerns. The Committee will consider potential statutory changes, if necessary.

Priority #4 – Infrastructure Needs (6 hours)

The Committee will study governing requirements for temporary classroom facilities on school district property, and the State's and a school district's obligations in the study or construction of public infrastructure not on school district property, including but not limited to sidewalks and roads. This study will also include reviewing site coordination efforts to avoid or minimize disruption to community systems. The Committee will consider what solutions are the most efficient use of funds and the State's responsibility in constructing and maintaining this infrastructure.

Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 7, 2026 (Casper)

Meeting 2: August 25, 2026 (TBD)

Meeting 3: October 20, 2026 (Cheyenne)

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.



Senator Bill Landen, Chairman



Representative Abby Angelos, Vice Chair