

# State Senate Education Committee to meet in Yakima

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The state Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee will be in Yakima on Tuesday to talk education with the public.

The two-hour discussion will start at 5 p.m. at the campus of Educational Service District 105, 111 S. Second Ave. Those planning to attend are encouraged to register ahead on the ESD 105 website.

Sens. Bruce Dammeier, R-Puyallup; Christine Rolfes, D-Bainbridge Island; Ann Rivers, R-La Center; and Jim Hargrove, D-Hoquiam, will attend. The meeting is part of the group's monthlong tour across the state, listening to what people have to say about education issues, such as the state's handling of meeting the McCleary Supreme Court decision.

According to an ESD 105 news release, the committee will take questions following a presentation. People will be allowed to speak for up to two minutes during the public comment period. Those interested in speaking can register upon arriving to the event. Participants are encouraged to prepare written statements so they can be submitted for the record in the event there is not enough time for everyone to speak.

During Tuesday night's Yakima school board meeting, Superintendent Jack Irion said the Eisenhower High School auditorium has been designated as the alternative venue for the event in case too many people RSVP and the ESD 105 site can't accommodate all attendees. A shift in venues would be announced at a later date.

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