

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 October 2019)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

School project

- 1. 8095EB – Partial redevelopment of Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College at 2B Tai Cheong Street, Sai Wan Ho**

To be
confirmed

The proposed project is for the partial redevelopment of Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College at Sai Wan Ho to improve the school's learning and teaching environment.

Post-secondary education

- 2. Governance of University Grants Committee-funded institutions and proposed Member's Bill to amend the University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1053)**

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

At the meeting of 28 October 2016, Hon Tanya CHAN proposed to review the governing legislation of individual University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions that the Chief Executive was the ex-officio Chancellor of these institutions.

- 3. Grievance procedures of UGC-funded institutions**

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

- 4. Appointment, extension of appointment, termination and retirement of teaching staff in UGC-funded institutions**

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Helena WONG.

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for discussion**

5. Student admission to UGC-funded institutions

To be
confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen, Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai and Hon AU Nok-hin proposed to discuss the admission to UGC-funded institutions through Joint University Programmes Admissions System ("JUPAS") and non-JUPAS routes. Mr IP also suggested discussion of the admission policy of UGC-funded institutions for non-local students.

The Panel discussed the admission of students under non-JUPAS at its meeting on 10 February 2014.

Secondary and primary education

6. Review of the New Senior Secondary academic structure

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai. Hon Mrs Regina IP urged for early discussion of the review of the New Senior Secondary ("NSS") academic structure.

7. Review of the New Senior Secondary curriculum and assessment

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN, Hon CHAN Chi-chuen, Hon Mrs Regina IP and Hon IP Kin-yuen. Concerns were raised about:

- (a) strengthening of the teaching of Chinese literary classics and culture;
- (b) curriculum development of the Business, Accounting and Financial Studies subject;
- (c) curriculum development in mathematics and science subjects; and
- (d) curriculum, teaching methods and materials, and assessment framework for the Liberal Studies ("LS") subject.

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The Panel discussed issues related to NSS curriculum on 15 July 2015, and LS subject on 8 June 2015 and 13 February 2017.

Dr LEUNG's letter dated 14 February 2018 concerning LS subject and the Administration's written response were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(4)715/17-18(01) and (02) (Revised version) on 9 and 16 March 2018 respectively.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr LEUNG urged for early discussion of LS subject and Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan urged for early discussion of the review of NSS curriculum and assessment.

8. Implementation of Territory-wide System Assessment

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

At the meeting on 13 April 2018, the Administration briefed members on the arrangements for Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment ("TSA") in 2018 and beyond. Members were concerned whether the new arrangements would effectively eliminate the incentives of drilling and requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on the feedback about the new arrangements, in particular drilling in schools and the level of difficulty of TSA items.

9. Implementation of whole-day primary schooling and school homework policy

To be
confirmed

Hon SHIU Ka-chun, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, Hon Vincent CHENG and Hon IP Kin-yuen were concerned about the impact of heavy homework load on students and proposed that the Panel should continue to discuss the implementation of school homework policy. Mr IP also considered that whole-day primary schooling should be reviewed. The subject was last discussed on 1 December 2017.

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10. Update on the implementation of "one school social worker for each school" in primary schools

To be confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that the Panel should be updated on the review of the mode of collaboration between student guidance and social work services under the policy of "one school social worker for each school". Hon LUK Chung-hung was concerned about the possible adverse impact of the implementation of the policy on student guidance personnel. Hon SHIU Ka-chun requested to discuss the provision of social workers in kindergartens ("KGs") as well as primary and secondary schools.

At the meetings on 13 April and 11 May 2018, the Administration briefed the Panel on the implementation of the policy of "one school social worker for each school" in primary schools starting from the 2018-2019 school year.

11. Promotion of sports and art education and provision of diversified curricula in schools

To be confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN proposed discussing the promotion of sports and art education in schools. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan and Hon Starry LEE proposed discussion on the provision of diversified curricula in aided secondary schools and public sector schools respectively.

12. Review of moral education

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Steven HO.

The Panel discussed promotion of moral and civic education (values education) in schools at its meeting on 2 March 2018.

13. Gender education

To be confirmed

Dr Hon Helena WONG expressed concern about the implementation of gender education in schools.

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14. Update on promotion of reading

To be
confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen considered that the Panel should be updated on the progress of reading promotion, "Discover & Share the Joy of Reading" campaign, and the role of teacher-librarians. Hon Michael TIEN proposed the Panel to discuss measures to improve cross-departmental collaboration in promoting reading in the community.

The Panel was briefed on the measures undertaken by the Education Bureau to promote and support reading in schools at its meetings on 2 February and 1 June 2018.

15. Education support for ethnic minority students

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Vincent CHENG. Mr TIEN proposed that the Panel should discuss the support for ethnic minority students in learning the Chinese Language. Hon Claudia MO urged for early discussion of the review of the "Chinese Language Curriculum Second Language Learning Framework". The Administration will report the progress on supporting Chinese learning and teaching for non-Chinese speaking ("NCS") students.

At the meeting on 26 June 2017, the Administration briefed members on its progress on supporting Chinese learning and teaching for NCS students.

16. School-based management and school management

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Administration will brief the Panel on the report of the Task Force on School-based Management Policy.

At the meeting on 3 November 2017, the Administration briefed members on the implementation of school-based management and the way forward.

17. Review of the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN, Dr Hon Helena WONG, Hon IP Kin-yuen and Hon LAM Cheuk-ting.

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The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014.

18. Review of financial assistance schemes for primary and secondary school students

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

19. Class suspension arrangements in the event of extreme weather and emergency conditions and related follow-up work

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

20. Update on the situation of contract teachers in primary and secondary schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Helena WONG. The subject was last discussed on 13 July 2018.

21. Primary One Admission System

To be confirmed

Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed that the Panel should discuss the principle of vicinity adopted in Primary One admission. He was particularly concerned whether EDB would follow such principle in planning school building projects in new development areas.

The Panel discussed the planning for the provision of public sector primary and secondary school places in the light of student population and related stabilization measures on 1 February 2019.

Kindergarten education

22. Update on the implementation of new kindergarten education policy

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Vincent CHENG. Issues of concern included:

- (a) provision of KG premises;

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- (b) the quality of KG education and staffing ratio in KGs;
- (c) the establishment of a salary scale for KG teachers;
- (d) school fees of and government subsidy for KGs; and
- (e) teaching of primary school curriculum in KGs.

The Panel was briefed on the latest development in respect of the implementation of the new KG education policy and quality assurance in KG education at its meetings on 5 January and 1 June 2018 respectively.

Information technology and STEM education

23. Strengthening the support for information technology and STEM education

To be
confirmed

Hon Charles MOK proposed to discuss the implementation of the Support Scheme for E-learning in Schools, nurturing of information technology talents and support for the implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") education.

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed discussion of the development of STEM education in schools, and issues relating to innovation and technology education. At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr QUAT also proposed that schools should be invited to attend a meeting to share their experience in promoting STEM education.

The Administration's proposal to seek funding from the Community Care Fund for provision of subsidy to needy primary and secondary students to purchase mobile computer devices to facilitate the practice of e-learning was discussed on 2 March 2018, while issues related to the promotion of STEM education were discussed on 14 November 2016.

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Issues related to the learning of Chinese and English

24. Policy of using Putonghua to teach the Chinese Language subject in primary and secondary schools

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon CHAN Chi-chuen and Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai. Mr CHAN proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of and way forward for using Putonghua to teach Chinese Language subject.

25. Teaching and learning of English Language

To be confirmed

Hon Claudia MO proposed the Administration to review the policy on the teaching and learning of English Language in primary schools with a view to enhancing learning effectiveness. Hon Michael TIEN proposed that the Panel should discuss the measures to help enhance the interest of KG and primary students, in particular those from low-income families, in learning English Language.

Others

26. Student pressure and the existing education system

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Starry LEE, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Hon Michael TIEN and Hon Vincent CHENG. Dr CHEUNG and Dr QUAT considered that issues related to student suicides should be arranged for early discussion. Mr TIEN proposed that KG and primary education systems, including the curriculum and teaching philosophy, should be reviewed. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG proposed that the Panel should discuss the measures to enhance teachers' quality and curriculum design to better meet societal needs and expectations.

27. Review of the implementation of vocational and professional education and training

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan. At the meeting on

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11 October 2018, Dr CHIANG and Hon Vincent CHENG urged for early discussion of the item. The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of work of the Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training.

28. Parent education

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Starry LEE and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan. At the meeting of 11 October 2018, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan urged for early discussion of the subject. The Administration will brief the Panel on the report of the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education.

At its meeting on 26 June 2017, the Panel discussed the Administration's measures to promote parent education.

29. Cross-departmental collaboration in undertaking education-related initiatives

To be
confirmed

Hon Michael TIEN considered that collaboration among different government departments should be enhanced in the planning and development of education-related initiatives, such as implementation of after-school learning and support programmes.

30. International curriculum

To be
confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan to discuss the introduction of a suitable proportion of international curriculum in subsidized schools with a view to inspiring students' creativity and cultivating diverse interests and skills in them.