Panel on Education List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 1 November 2023)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Promotion of national education and national security education

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon CHOW Man-kong and Hon Benson LUK at the meeting on 17 January 2023. They proposed that the Administration should update the Panel on the implementation of national education ("NE") and national security education ("NSE") in post-secondary education institutions and international schools, and the Administration's financial support for the promotion of NE and NSE.

2. Information technology in education

To be confirmed

Hon Kenneth LEUNG proposed that the Panel be briefed on the progress of the Fourth Strategy on Information Technology in Education. Hon Lillian KWOK proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of primary and secondary schools in adopting "Bring Your Own Device" and e-textbooks; and study the feasibility of establishing a permanent Technical Support Staff post in schools. Prof Hon William WONG considered that the Administration should integrate the development of popular science education into NE.

3. Review of Primary One Admission System and Secondary School Places Allocation System

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon CHU Kwok-keung at the meeting on 25 January 2022. At the meeting on 5 May 2023, Hon CHU Kwok-keung urged for early discussion of the item.

4. One school social worker for each school/two school social workers for each school

To be confirmed

Hon Lillian KWOK, Hon Rock CHEN and Hon Edward LEUNG proposed in their letter dated 21 September 2022 to

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discuss the enhancement of the "one school social worker for each school"/"two school social workers for each school" policy.

5. Kindergarten education

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern about the closure of kindergartens ("KGs") due to under-enrolment of students. Hon CHU Kwok-keung was concerned about the inadequacy of resources for KGs.

At the meeting on 17 January 2023, Hon Kenneth LEUNG proposed that STEAM/STEM education in KGs should be strengthened. At the meeting on 31 March 2023, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss the support for KGs in the light of the decline in student population.

6. Education support for ethnic minority students

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG at the meeting on 6 May 2022.

7. Implementation of integrated education and special education to support students with special educational needs

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Dr TIK Chi-yuen and Hon CHOW Man-kong at the meeting on 17 January 2023. In the 2022 session, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed that the Administration should early identify students with special educational needs at KG stage and provide holistic support to them.

8. Nurturing and retaining talents

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon Stanley NG, Hon Dennis LEUNG, Hon Kenneth LEUNG and Hon Lillian KWOK at the meeting on 17 January 2023. They considered that in order to nurture and retain talents, the Administration should train young professionals to integrate into the development plan of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-

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Macao Greater Bay Area, review the primary and secondary school curricula and assessments (in particular the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education), review the loan schemes for tertiary students; and explore measures to attract students in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to study post-secondary education programmes in Hong Kong.

9. Monitoring of international schools

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Mrs Regina IP, in view of the suspension of operations of Mount Kelly School Hong Kong, proposed that the governance and operations of international schools should be reviewed.

10. Funding for universities, secondary schools, primary schools and kindergartens

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed that the Administration should examine and adjust the proportion of funding allocated to universities, secondary schools, primary schools and KGs.

11. Tuition fee adjustment mechanism

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern that certain schools had doubled their tuition fees and proposed to discuss the tuition fee adjustment mechanism adopted by international schools, private schools and self-financing schools.

12. Oath taking by staff of aided schools

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Hon TANG Fei proposed to discuss ways to first require school managers and then all teachers of aided schools to take oath to pledge allegiance to the Special Administrative Region and the Basic Law.

13. Review of the existing education system

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to review the existing education system and its long-term development direction. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG

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was concerned how education policies would be formulated in the light of the development of the Greater Bay Area.

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