

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 29 August 2025)

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Decline in school-age population in primary and secondary schools	October 2025
<p>At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss the review of Primary One Admission System and Secondary School Places Allocation System. At the meetings on 5 May 2023, 16 January 2024 and 14 January 2025, Hon CHU Kwok-keung requested for early discussion of the item.</p> <p>In September 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed that the Administration should discuss the funding for universities, secondary schools, primary schools and kindergartens (“KGs”), including examining and adjusting the proportion of funding allocated to universities, secondary schools, primary schools and KGs.</p> <p>In his letter dated 30 October 2024, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen proposed to discuss issues relating to subsidized school closures, including the requirements for and process of the closure of subsidized schools, the site application procedures for school sponsoring bodies, etc. At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen requested for early discussion of the impact of the decline in school-age population on primary and secondary school enrolment.</p>	
2. Institutional governance of University Grants Committee-funded universities	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong proposed to discuss ways to improve university governance and review the composition and funding mechanism of the University Grants Committee (“UGC”).</p>	

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for discussion**

The Education Bureau briefed the Panel on 18 March 2025 on the funding to UGC-funded universities for the 2025-2028 triennium.

3. Special education and integrated education development To be confirmed

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK proposed to discuss the evaluation and way forward of the implementation of integrated education. Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss career planning for students with special educational needs.

At the meeting on 7 February 2025, members agreed to form a “Subcommittee on Review of Integrated Education Development in Hong Kong” under the Panel on Education.

4. Review of the education system in Hong Kong 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. Prof Hon Priscilla LEUNG was concerned how education policies would be formulated in the light of the development of GBA. At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon Lillian KWOK suggested early discussion of the item.

5. Oath taking by staff of aided schools To be confirmed

In September 2022, Hon TANG Fei proposed that the Administration should 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.

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for discussion**

6. Enhancing students' understanding of first aid and Chinese medicine

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Dr Hon David LAM proposed to discuss the incorporation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator courses into the secondary education curriculum, as well as the incorporation of the history, principles and healthy lifestyle attitudes of traditional Chinese medicine into the curricula of KG and primary education.

The Administration's written response was issued to members on 4 August 2025 vide LC Paper No. CB(3)1222/2025(01).

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