Organization
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

Project Title
Breakfast After the Bell

Organizational Background
The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) works to make state government operations more effective, efficient, and accountable. The Committee has 16 members and is comprised of an equal number of House and Senate members, Democrats and Republicans.

JLARC pursues its mission by conducting performance audits, program evaluations, sunset reviews, and other analyses. Assignments to conduct studies are made by the Legislature and the Committee itself. Based on these assignments, JLARC’s non-partisan research analysts, under the direction of the Legislative Auditor, independently seek answers to audit questions and issue recommendations to improve performance.

Work by JLARC staff is conducted using Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. These standards ensure audit conclusions are independent, objective, and accurate. JLARC’s authority is established in Chapter 44.28 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Project Description
The Breakfast After the Bell program requires high-needs schools to create a program where schools offer breakfast to students after the beginning of the school day. JLARC is tasked with analyzing changes in measures such as tardiness and absenteeism, suspensions, illnesses and nurse visits, testing results, and graduation rates, as well as the outcomes of similar efforts in other states. The team will conduct a literature review of similar programs in other states, interview three or four Washington schools that have implemented the Breakfast After the Bell program, meet with legislative staff to learn more about the Legislature's interest in this study, and present research to a selection of the JLARC staff.

Travel Required?
Maybe
Deliverables
Policy report with bibliography

Key Tasks for Consultants
Literature review, in-person and phone interviews, presentation to JLARC staff