



**MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting**

**DATE OF MEETING: October 8, 2019**

**TIME: 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**

**LOCATION: OPI – 1201 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Conference Room**

**ATTENDEES:**

**PRESENT**

Pad McCracken, Legislative Services

Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BOPE)

Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Jacob Williams, Education Northwest

Erich Stiefvater, Education Northwest (via computer)

Sunyoung Yoon, Education Northwest (via computer)

Dan Rask, Executive Director, Montana Small School Alliance (MSSA) (via computer)

McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office (via phone)

Stevie Schmitz, Montana Council of Deans of Education (MCDE) (via phone)

Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney, Legislative Services (via computer)

**OPI STAFF**

Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent

Jule Walker, Deputy Superintendent for Operations

Susie Hedalen, Deputy Superintendent for Education Services

Dylan Klapmeier, Director of Communications and Federal Regulations

John Perkins, Director of Policy & Planning (via phone)

**RECORD KEEPER**

Virginia Díaz, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction



## TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

### **ESSA Draft Amendments**, *Susie Hedalen*

- The OPI is submitting amendments to the Montana ESSA plan. The DRAFT letter follows.
- Education Advocates, please note the Timeline and your opportunities to share the ESSA Amendments updates in the field.
- Updates are posted to the OPI's web site on [the ESSA page](#).

## TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

### **Retention and Recruitment Study from the Regional Educational Library (REL)**, *Education Northwest*

- An overview was given of education partner Education Northwest, the REL, the Mountain West Comprehensive Center and the Retention and Recruitment Study.
- Education Northwest is awaiting final clearance from federal funder to share/published the full report and infographic online. **As of 10/16/19, the OPI has not received the information from Education Northwest.**

[Education Advocates Meeting can be listened to at this link.](#)



October 8, 2019

Dear Partners in Education,

The OPI is preparing to submit amendments to the Montana ESSA plan. The amendments include:

- Reducing the exit criteria for English Learners from 5 to 4.7 composite score on the WIDA Assessment and add proficiency criteria for the WIDA Alternate Assessment.
- Amending the allocation process of Title IVA funding to follow the federal funding formula now that Montana is funded at a level that allows the distribution of a minimum of \$10,000 and formula funding beyond that to all Title I districts.

Timeline:

- October 8- Introductory discussion with Education Advocates
- October 15- ESSA Update and posting of the red lined amendments for public comment period on the OPI website
- November 12- Consultation with the Governor's office
- November 18- Feedback and input discussion with Education Advocates
- **November 19, 2019- at 11:00 am Q & A Conference Call: (712)-770-3665 code: 514145**
- November 26, Final Draft prepared and submitted to the DOE

*Please send feedback, input and questions to [ESSAinput@mt.gov](mailto:ESSAinput@mt.gov)*