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MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: March 23, 2020

TIME: 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Conference Call

ATTENDEES:

PRESENT

Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BOPE)
McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
Julia Platt, Fiscal Analyst II Expenditure Analysis, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
Kirk Miller, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
Marco Ferro, Public Policy Director, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
Pad McCracken, Legislative Services
Alison Harmon, Dean of Education, MSU
Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

OPI STAFF

Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent
Jule Walker, Deputy Superintendent
Jason Butcher, Assistant Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Moseman, Health Enhancement Division Administrator
Julia Swingley, Chief Legal Counsel
Dylan Klapmeier, Director of Communications and Federal Regulations
Phoebe Williams, Senior Office Administrator
Ashley McGrath, State Assessment Director
Julie Murgel, School Improvement ESSA Coordinator
Sharyl Allen, Transformational & Personalized Learning Manager

RECORD KEEPER

Christy Perryman, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Meal Waivers, Tracy Moseman

- Three USDA student meal waivers discussed.
 - [Feeding Students During the School Closure](#)

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Assessment Waivers, Ashley McGrath

- Formal DOE assessment waiver for federal mandated test to Board of Public Education.
- ACT Waiver discussion with the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education.

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ESSA, Julie Murgel

- Formal DOE waiver application
 - Assessment.
 - ESSA accountability system.
 - Report Cards.

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Proficiencies, Sharyl Allen

- Montana Advanced Opportunities

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Governor's Office, McCall Flynn

- Setting up a portal with the Governor's office for remote learning plans from school districts.

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Other business, Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

- Linda Rost, Montana Teacher of the Year 2020, more definition of school closure.
- Dennis Parman, asked for eligibility for summer, breakfast, and lunch programs

The following meetings will be recorded by Zoom.

Thank you for your patience and **Putting Montana Students First** during this uncertain time.