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MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting
DATE OF MEETING: May 5, 2020
TIME: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Conference Call

ATTENDEES:

PRESENT: As best of our records could show

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

Kirk Miller, Executive Director of School

Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Emily Dean, Director of Advocacy, Montana School Boards Association

Denise Williams, Executive Director, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

Dan Rask, Executive Director, Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA)

Linda Rost, Montana Teacher of the Year 2020

Marco Ferro, Public Policy Director, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

Jule Walker, Field Specialist, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

Angela McLean, Director, American Indian and Minority Achievement

Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney, Legislative Services

Dylan Huisken, Montana Teacher of the Year 2019

Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association

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

OPI STAFF

Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent

Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent

Julia Swingley, Chief Legal Counsel

Jack O'Connor, Title I & Federal Grants Unit Director

Ken Bailey, Chief Financial Officer

Kristine Thatcher, Educator Licensure Program Manager

Jenifer Cline, Student Support Service Division Administrator

RECORD KEEPER

Christy Perryman, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

CARES Update/Equitable Services, Ken Bailey and Jack O'Connor

- Approved Application
- Assurances
- Module
- Acceptable Use of Funds
- Equitable Services – Materials Follow

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Governor's CARES Dollars, McCall Flynn

- Entry Form
- Working through Processes

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Other Business

- Superintendent Elsie Arntzen – Schools Opening
- Dennis Parman – [Montana Public School Closure Status](#)
- Lance Melton – Survey of Members for School Openings/Graduations
- Kirk – Willow Creek School Opening/Safety Committee
- Dan Rask – Zoom Meetings/Preparing for the Future
- Pete Donovan – BPE Meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2020
- Superintendent Elsie Arntzen – Phase I

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

[Full Education Advocates meeting can be listened to at this link](#)



Equitable Services Provisions of the CARES Act

Equitable services are the resources given to private schools and home school students by public school districts to provide the same benefits to private school and home school students that public school students receive from the grant. Federal law prohibits giving funds directly to private schools, so the public school districts consult with private schools and parents of home school students located within their boundaries and agree on what services the public school district can provide.

The value of the services provided to private schools and home school students is calculated by taking the ratio of the private school enrollment to the total private school, home school, and public school enrollment in the district and multiplying by the amount of the grant award to the public school district. The public school district and the private school or home school parents then agree on what services will constitute this value. The public school district must have this calculation completed prior to drawing funds from the grant.

The OPI plans to send the guidance on the process to school districts by tomorrow so the school districts can initiate the process of contacting the private schools and home school students in their districts and beginning the consultation. The process is being expedited in the interest of making the CARES Act funds available to school districts as quickly as possible.