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To: State Superintendent Denise Juneau
From: Variances to Standards Review Board
CC: Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent
Date: April 3, 2015

Re: Variances to Standards Review Board (VSRB) Recommendations to Superintendent Juneau

Application 1

Beaverhead County High School applied for a variance to standards to replace the Continuous School Improvement process in ARM 10.55.601(3) with the AdvancED school improvement process in which the school currently engaged.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.601(3) from Beaverhead County High School. The VSRB recommends approval of the request to use the AdvancED/NWAC school improvement process in lieu of the Continuous School Improvement Plan.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Application 2

Troy 7-8 School, Troy Public Schools applied for a variance to standard ARM 10.55.709 Library Media Services, K-12.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.709 Library Media Services, K-12 from Troy 7-8 School.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Application 3

Thompson Falls 7-8 School, Thompson Falls Public Schools applied for a variance to ARM 10.55.709 Library Media Services, K-12.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to conditionally approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.709 Library Media Services, K-12 from Thompson Falls 7-8 School upon receipt of written information detailing how the community was involved in the Variances to Standards application process, how the proposed variance is workable and is aligned with ARM 10.55.1801 Library Media Program Delivery Standards.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Application 4

Bigfork 7-8 School, Bigfork Public Schools applied for a variance to ARM 10.55.709 Library Media Services, K-12.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to conditionally approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.709 Library Media Services, K-12 from Bigfork 7-8 School upon receipt of written information detailing how the community was involved in the Variances to Standards application process, how the proposed variance is workable and aligned with ARM 10.55.1801 Library Media Program Delivery Standards.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Application 5

Edna Thomas School and Corvallis 7-8 School, Corvallis Public Schools applied for a variance to ARM 10.55.710 Assignment of School Counseling Staff.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Edna Thomas and Corvallis 7-8 Schools have an approved Alternative to Standard for ARM 10.55.710 Assignment of School Counseling Staff that expires on June 30, 2015.

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to conditionally approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.710 Assignment of School Counseling Staff from Edna Thomas and Corvallis 7-8 Schools upon receipt of written information detailing how the community was involved in the Variances to Standards application process.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Application 6

Cayuse Prairie 7-8 School, Cayuse Prairie Elementary applied for a variance to ARM 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel: Assignment of School Administrators/Principals.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to conditionally approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel: Assignment of School Administrators/Principals from Cayuse Prairie 7-8 School upon receipt of written information detailing how the community was involved in the Variances to Standards application process.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Application 7

Canyon Creek 7-8 School, Canyon Creek Elementary applied for a variance to ARM 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel: Assignment of School Administrators/Principals.

This application is an Initial Request (two years).

Recommendation: The VSRB recommends to conditionally approve the application for a variance to ARM 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel: Assignment of School Administrators/Principals from Canyon Creek 7-8 School upon receipt of written information detailing how the community was involved in the Variances to Standards application process.

Vote: 6 – 0 to approve

Review Board Chair Signature:



Date: 4/3/2015