



Education Caucus

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 7:00 AM – 7:50 AM

Agenda:

1. Montana Alternative Student Testing (MAST) Pilot Program
 - a. A presentation from Chris Noel, Senior Manager of Teaching and Learning
 - b. The Montana OPI is working to develop an improved assessment system that will accurately reflect the needs of our students, teachers, and administrators while providing useful flexibility in terms of test administration. The vision of the MAST Pilot is to implement "through year" assessments across the state that can eventually replace the traditional end-of-year state summative assessments and satisfy federal testing requirements. Montana is one of only 10 states that received a Competitive Grants for State Assessment award, recognizing innovation in student testing. Montana was awarded nearly \$3 million for the program.
2. Legislation Focus
 - a. Representative Mitchell and LC 1346: Revising education laws to provide a definition of "financial literacy"
 - b. Representative Oblander and HB 382: Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations

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