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MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting
DATE OF MEETING: March 25, 2020
TIME: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Conference Call

ATTENDEES:

PRESENT: As best of our records could show

McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BOPE)
Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
Kirk Miller, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
Pad McCracken, Legislative Services
Emily Dean, Director of Advocacy, Montana School Boards Association
Denise Williams, Executive Director, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
Nancy Hall, Governor's Office of the Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
Alison Harmon, Dean of Education, MSU
Marco Ferro, Public Policy Director, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
Julia Platt, Fiscal Analyst II Expenditure Analysis, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney, Legislative Services
Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association
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
Ken Bailey, Chief Financial Officer
Colet Bartow, CSI Division Administrator
Dylan Klapmeier, Director of Communications and Federal Regulations
Ashley McGrath, State Assessment Director
Kara Flath, School Finance Director
Julie Murgel, School Improvement ESSA Coordinator
Donell Rosenthal, Financial Specialist School Finance
Dick Trerise, Assistant Division Administrator SPED
Jenifer Cline, Student Support Service Division Administrator
Kris Thatcher, Educator Licensure Program Manager
Sharyl Allen, Transformational & Personalized Learning Manager

RECORD KEEPER

Christy Perryman, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

State/County Transportation Dollars, Kara Flath

- New Guidance as of March 25, 2020
 - [Pupil Transportation Frequently Asked Questions](#)

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Legislative Update of School Closure, Pad McCracken

- Make-up days
- Assessment
- School Plans
- Property Tax Flow
- Joint Education Interim Committee/LFC Education Committee [Audio Conference Call](#) on March 27, 2020

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

What is your #1 issue that you are hearing from the field that is not being answered?

- Kirk Miller - County Superintendent call is at 3:30 pm on March 25, 2020
- Dylan Klapmeier - School Closure Definition
- Kirk Miller - Federal Government Relief Bill
- Superintendent Elsie Arntzen - New Funding for SPED from Office of Special Education Program
- Pete Donovan - [BPE Conference Call](#) is at 11 am on March 26, 2020

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

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