



MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting
DATE OF MEETING: April 21, 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)
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)
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)
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney, Legislative Services
Dylan Huisken, Teacher of the Year 2019
Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association
McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
Angela McLean, Director, American Indian and Minority Achievement
Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

OPI STAFF

Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent
Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent
Jason Butcher, Assistant Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Moseman, Health Enhancement Division Administrator
Michael Sweeney, Chief Data Officer
Linda Peterson, Accreditation Administrator
Dick Trerise, Assistant Division Administrator
Dylan Klapmeier, Communications Director
Ken Bailey, Chief Financial Officer
Kara Flath, School Finance Division Administrator
Christine Steele, STOP Grant Program Manager
Jenifer Cline, Student Support Service Division Administrator
Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst
Kris Thatcher, Educator Licensure Program Manager

RECORD KEEPER

Christy Perryman, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

HB657, Paul Taylor and Jenifer Cline

- SPED Draft Bill
- Compensatory Education

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Funding for Special Education for Older Students, Pad McCracken

- Legislative Finance Committee – Materials Follow
- Funding for SPED Students
- [Financial Modernization and Risk Analysis \(MARA\)](#) committee is meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 27.

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Funding for Medicaid Kids at Children’s Psychiatric Hospitals and Residential Treatment Centers, Ken Bailey

- Providing funding for Education Services for Medicaid Children
- Medicaid does not pay for Education Services

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

CARES Act Funding, Dylan Klapmeier and Ken Bailey

- Guidance and Applications will be made on Thursday, April 23, 2020
- Funds will be Available for Schools Next Week

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Other Business

- Dylan Klapmeier – Remote Learning will Continue
- Lance Melton – Waiver of Aggregate Hours of Instruction
- McCall Flynn – Governor’s Press Conference April 22, 2020
- Lance Melton – Board of Public Education Standards
- Superintendent Elsie Arntzen – Will there be an Amendment to School Plans?
- Dennis Parman – What is the Governor’s Plan?
- Kirk Miller – Education Advocates should meet prior to the County Superintendent Meeting

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

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Legislative Finance Committee -- Education Subcommittee
Agenda
April 23, 2020
Room 102 Video Teleconference, State Capitol Building

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order & roll call – Chair David Bedey
- 1:05 p.m. HB 657 – Special Education - Draft bill on providing inflation and ANB adjustments for special education – Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
- 1:30 p.m. Public comment on draft bill
- 1:55 p.m. Committee action on draft bill
- 2:05 p.m. Funding special education for older special education students – Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
- 2:20 p.m. Public comment on funding for older students
- 2:30 p.m. Educational Costs for Children served in In-State Psychiatric Treatment Facilities and the Significant Needs Grant Program – Ken Bailey OPI, Julia Swingley OPI, Dick Trerise, OPI
- 3:00 p.m. Public Comment on Educational Costs for Children served in In-State Psychiatric Treatment Facilities and the Significant Needs Grant Program
- 3:15 p.m. OPI Update on K-12 education
- Distribution of CARES act funding
 - Other items related to COVID19 emergency impact on schools
- 3:30 p.m. Directions to staff on education topics, adjourn

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