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MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting
DATE OF MEETING: July 28, 2020
TIME: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES:

PRESENT: As best of our records could show

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

McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

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

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

Doug Reisig, Superintendent of Hellgate Schools

Burke Honzel, Preparedness Bureau Chief, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Emily Dean, Director of Advocacy, Montana School Boards Association

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

Paul Furthmyre, Superintendent, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney, Legislative Services

Mark Beckman, Montana High School Association

Pad McCracken, Legislative Services

Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Governor's Office

Nancy Hall, Governor's Office of the Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

OPI STAFF

Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent

Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent

Tim Johnson, Deputy Superintendent

Dylan Klapmeier, Communications Director

Ken Bailey, Chief Financial Officer

Jay Phillips, CSD Division Administrator

Tracy Moseman, Chief Operations Officer

RECORD KEEPER

Christy Perryman, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Coronavirus Relief Fund Update, *Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Governor's Office*

- Materials Follow
- PPE into Schools – Burke Honzel, Preparedness Bureau Chief, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

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Board of Public Education Subcommittees, *Sharyl Allen and Tim Johnson*

- Materials Follow

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School Reopening Plans, *Dylan Klapmeier*

- Value in informally collecting school reopening plans

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Other Business

- Dylan Klapmeier – HEALS Act
- Mark Beckman – [Fall Sports Guidance](#)
- Dylan Klapmeier – August 4, 2020 update will be held with Superintendents at 12:15 pm for a child health and safety presentation.

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](#)

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GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR

Coronavirus Relief Funds for Schools

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to share information regarding funding for schools through the Governor's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) contained in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act").

On July 15, Governor Bullock announced \$75 million to schools for the purposes of reopening schools this fall. \$10 million will be set aside to assist schools with incremental transportation costs. The remaining \$65 million will be distributed on a per ANB basis to 155,294 budgeted ANB. This is approximately \$418.50 per budgeted ANB.

CARES Act

The CARES Act provides that payments from the CRF may only be used to cover costs that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
2. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Application and Deadlines

The application is available on Friday, July 24, 2020 at <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>.

Applications submitted by July 31 will receive funding August 7.

Applications submitted by August 14 will receive funding August 21.

There are only two deadlines and two payments.

Reporting

Per the federal government guidelines, the state of Montana must report quarterly any Coronavirus Relief Funds that have been allocated. Schools will be asked to report any funding that has been expended and what the funding was used for, keeping in mind only COVID-related expenditures are allowed (see below).

We recommend that schools use the CRF funds prior to any other funding, as CRF funds must be expended by December 30, 2020. A final report of expenditures will be due January 15, 2021. Any funds not spent on eligible activities by December 30, 2020 must be returned to the State of Montana for repayment to the federal government under the conditions authorized in the CARES Act. These funds may be offset, reduced, or returned to the State of Montana should Congress authorize the timely release of additional funds to be used by schools for identical purposes.

Allowable Expenses

Expenses must be specifically related to adjusting, adapting, and providing accommodations for students, parents, educators, and schools and their learning environment due to the needs generated by COVID 19.

1. Public Health Expenses Such As:

- Expenses for communication by education officials to students, families, staff, and other related parties about public health orders related to COVID-19.
- Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses for disinfection of public areas in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.
- Expenses for quarantining individuals.

2. Additional Expenses Such As:

- Expenses for providing nutritional programs to students in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses to improve remote learning for students and staff required due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Expenses required due to COVID 19 to provide instructional materials to students which can include items such as internet services.
- Expenses for providing instructional materials, supplies, and software licenses necessary due to COVID 19.
- Expenses for providing technological equipment purchased by the school district and loaned to students and staff without such equipment to accommodate COVID 19.
- Expenses to improve services to students with an IEP in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses for staff and personnel in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses related to modifications to satisfy social distancing requirements related to COVID 19.
- Other expenses specifically documented and necessary related to COVID 19.

**Questions? Please reach out to McCall Flynn, Governor's Education Policy Advisor,
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July 29, 2020

The OPI and the Board Public Education continue to work together to determine critical flexibilities that can aid districts in providing student learning for the 2020-2021 school year. The common goal is to relieve burdensome regulations in this complex, uncertain learning environment of today.

The two key areas being considered for further action:

Accreditation

Maintain the accreditation status of schools identified in the 2019-2020 school year for the 2020-21 school year by suspending 10.55.606 (5), *"Categories of assurance standards and student performance standards shall be used to determine accreditation status"*, for the 2020-2021 school year. If a school district chooses to successfully resolve a accreditation violation from the 2020, in time for the 2020-2021 school year, the district will be given credit for the resolution, including any accreditation status that would represent an improvement in their status over the 2019-2020 status.

Licensure

The OPI is recommending to the BOPE subcommittee that the August 31, 2020 renewal deadline for licensure be waived until September 30, 2020 (ARM 10.57.215 (2)). This waiver will add more time for licenses to be renewed, preserve funding for the BOPE and CSPAC, and in the end maintain higher numbers of licensed teachers available to Montana school districts.

Note: Draft is identified to inform any reading this document is that the language could change as new information is applied to the needs.

**Board of Public Education Licensure Analysis
July 24, 2020**

License Fee

New License	\$	36
Renewal	\$	30
Class 5	\$	24
Provisional	\$	18
Duplicates	\$	6

License Fee Split

Advisory Council	67%
Research Fund	33%

Revenue History

Research Fund	Month	Fiscal Year				Advisory Council	Month	Fiscal Year				52%
		2018	2019	2020	2021			2018	2019	2020	2021	
	01 (Jul)	\$ 3,880	\$ 2,916	\$ 4,504	\$ 2,352		01 (Jul)	\$ 7,760	\$ 5,832	\$ 9,009	\$ 4,704	
	02 (Aug)	\$ 3,707	\$ 4,646	\$ 3,868	\$ -		02 (Aug)	\$ 7,414	\$ 9,292	\$ 7,735	\$ -	
	03 (Sep)	\$ 1,705	\$ 1,936	\$ 1,559	\$ -		03 (Sep)	\$ 3,409	\$ 3,873	\$ 3,119	\$ -	
	04 (Oct)	\$ 1,478	\$ 1,718	\$ 1,375	\$ -		04 (Oct)	\$ 2,957	\$ 3,436	\$ 2,750	\$ -	
	05 (Nov)	\$ 1,280	\$ 1,786	\$ 1,450	\$ -		05 (Nov)	\$ 2,561	\$ 3,572	\$ 2,900	\$ -	
	06 (Dec)	\$ 1,570	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,459	\$ -		06 (Dec)	\$ 3,140	\$ 3,112	\$ 2,918	\$ -	
	07 (Jan)	\$ 6,506	\$ 7,253	\$ 6,981	\$ -		07 (Jan)	\$ 13,012	\$ 14,505	\$ 13,962	\$ -	
	08 (Feb)	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,721	\$ -		08 (Feb)	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,730	\$ 9,442	\$ -	
	09 (Mar)	\$ 5,158	\$ 4,953	\$ 4,670	\$ -		09 (Mar)	\$ 10,317	\$ 9,906	\$ 9,340	\$ -	
	10 (Apr)	\$ 6,802	\$ 6,078	\$ 5,829	\$ -		10 (Apr)	\$ 13,603	\$ 12,156	\$ 11,658	\$ -	
	11 (May)	\$ 6,918	\$ 8,198	\$ 7,637	\$ -		11 (May)	\$ 13,835	\$ 16,396	\$ 15,274	\$ -	
	12 (Jun)	\$ 8,868	\$ 7,866	\$ 7,910	\$ -		12 (Jun)	\$ 17,737	\$ 15,741	\$ 15,820	\$ -	
		\$ 52,871	\$ 53,255	\$ 51,963	\$ 2,352			\$ 105,746	\$ 106,552	\$ 103,928	\$ 4,704	
All Revenues		158,617.00	159,807.69	155,891.12	7,056.00							

**Licenses Renewed History
(March 1st - June 30th)**

Year	2018	2019	2020	
Total Licenses Renewed	1762	1710	1690	69%
Est New Applications	844	833	762	31%
Total Applications Processed	2606	2543	2452	

**Outstanding License Renewal History
(As of July 1st)**

Year	2018	2019	2020
Total	2196	2150	2063

Outstanding Licenses Needing Renewal as of Dec 2nd

Year	2018	2019	2020
Total	1707	1659	0

Expenditure History

Research Fund	Month	Fiscal Year				Advisory Council	Month	Fiscal Year			
		2018	2019	2020	2021			2018	2019	2020	2021
	01 (Jul)	\$ 9,777	\$ 8,521	\$ -	\$ 1,715		01 (Jul)	\$ 4,022	\$ 14,194	\$ 650	\$ 1,874
	02 (Aug)	\$ 4,937	\$ 6,030	\$ 3,196	\$ -		02 (Aug)	\$ 10,022	\$ -	\$ 3,917	\$ -
	03 (Sep)	\$ 5,862	\$ 4,640	\$ 2,351	\$ -		03 (Sep)	\$ 7,128	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ -
	04 (Oct)	\$ 8,885	\$ 8,756	\$ -	\$ -		04 (Oct)	\$ 7,128	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -
	05 (Nov)	\$ 2,434	\$ 6,705	\$ 1,894	\$ -		05 (Nov)	\$ 7,132	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ -
	06 (Dec)	\$ 4,201	\$ 5,451	\$ 3,664	\$ -		06 (Dec)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	07 (Jan)	\$ 6,427	\$ 2,238	\$ 3,807	\$ -		07 (Jan)	\$ -	\$ 7,331	\$ 300	\$ -
	08 (Feb)	\$ 7,421	\$ 4,526	\$ 4,176	\$ -		08 (Feb)	\$ 4,495	\$ 18,148	\$ 18,273	\$ -
	09 (Mar)	\$ 5,351	\$ 5,307	\$ 3,458	\$ -		09 (Mar)	\$ 11,981	\$ 18,264	\$ 18,473	\$ -
	10 (Apr)	\$ 6,495	\$ 7,533	\$ 5,036	\$ -		10 (Apr)	\$ 17,727	\$ 18,114	\$ 18,273	\$ -
	11 (May)	\$ 5,834	\$ 10,325	\$ 3,529	\$ -		11 (May)	\$ 17,927	\$ 48,307	\$ 15,021	\$ -
	12 (Jun)	\$ 5,017	\$ 5,647	\$ 2,950	\$ -		12 (Jun)	\$ 27,120	\$ 13,601	\$ 32,645	\$ -
		\$ 72,641	\$ 75,681	\$ 34,062	\$ 1,715			\$ 114,681	\$ 138,258	\$ 108,101	\$ 1,874

**Charts reflect three year history of the Board of Public Educations revenues received from teacher licenses and associated expenditures*