



Dear Partners in Education,

December 22, 2017

The OPI brought together the expertise from each division in the agency and completed an updated version of the state ESSA plan. At the close of business yesterday, the plan was submitted to the Department of Education (DOE).

The letter from the DOE asked for details, clarifications, and consistency in terminology. OPI staff worked together to provide the requested clarifications and add further detail to strengthen the Montana plan. The plan will continue to evolve and the OPI will include our partners in education in this ongoing effort to expand the fifth indicator and ensure the plan is current, relevant, and puts Montana students first.

Thank you,

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