



School Leadership Support Office Hours

Meeting Summary
December 6, 2023

Summary:

Christy Mock-Stutz reviewed the OPI December Compass and Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Community Night Discussion will be hosted by the OPI on December 13, 2023- HB 352 Early Literacy Intervention. Find zoom link and previous recordings on the OPI Parent Resource page.
- Important Reporting Due Dates and Calendar Items
 - **December 15** MAST Window 2 Closes (for participating Form A schools)
 - G/T Program Report Due
 - **December 15** Fall Personnel (Terms of employment) AIM Data Due
 - **December 15** Fall Career and Technical Education (CTE) AIM Data Due
 - **December 31** School Calendar, AIM Data Due

HB 203 Discussion

- OPI Chief Legal Rob Stutz, and OPI Early Assistance Program Director Mandi Gibbs
- In this legislation, "(1) A child may be enrolled in and attend a school in a Montana school district that is outside of the child's district of residence at the request of the child's parent or guardian..."
- Districts *shall* approve the out-of-district application unless:
 - that the impact of approval of the application will negatively impact the quality of education for resident pupils by grade level, by school, or in the district in the aggregate in one or more of the following ways:
 - (i) the approval would result in exceeding limits of:
 - (A) building construction standards pursuant to Title 50, chapter 60;
 - (B) capacity and ingress and egress elements, either by individual room or by school building, of any fire code authorized by Title 50, chapter 3; or
 - (C) evacuation elements of the district's adopted school safety plan;
 - (ii) the approval would impede meeting goals, standards, or objectives of quality that the trustees have previously adopted in a plan for continuous educational improvement required under rules adopted by the board of public education; or
 - (iii) the approval would risk jeopardizing the educational quality within the district because the nonresident child who is applying was:
 - (C) suspended in another school district in any of the 3 school fiscal years preceding the school fiscal year for which attendance is requested. This subsection (2)(e)(iii)(C) does not apply to a student who is eligible for special education or related services.
 - If The trustees of a district that receives more applications than the district can accommodate under subsections (2)(e)(i) and (2)(e)(ii) may adopt and implement policy providing priority among the applications on any rational basis that prioritizes the quality of education for students who are residents of the district of attendance and the obligations of resident taxpayers.

Questions:

- **What about SPED funding for this bill?** The SPED formula is not changed with this bill.
- **ANB funding corrections?** Due December 31, 2023.

Next week: Bring your questions!