



School Leadership Support Office Hours Summary

October 4, 2023

Questions:

- What is the Quality Educator Payment (QEP) calculation for next year? (Quality Educator Payment) *According to HB 15, QEP multiplier will be \$3566 for FY 2024 and \$3673 for FY 2024*
- When is the next Board of Public Education meeting? *November 15-17, 2023 in Missoula, MT.*

ESSER Information- Contact Wendi Fawns with questions

- I. ESSER Closeout of ESSER II. Now in cash request mode, and districts are submitting the cash requests until October 25, then final reports due until November 10. Cannot do a cash request and final expenditure during the same month.
- II. ESSER III- moving into ESSER III and working with districts throughout the year rather than just the at the end of the year for funding purposes.
- III. Districts are currently completing and submitting the ESSER self-assessment. Already have 35 submitted! This includes narrative spaces for districts to submit narrative comments as well as yes/no components. Please include those important extra notes as needed. It is a required document and is district-level (not school). This report takes all ESSER I, II, and III into account.
 - a. This self-assessment has two documents (available online, but all districts should have received an email with this information. If you did not receive the email, please contact Wendi Fawns):
 - i. Word document with more information on each question/tab.
 - ii. Excel document where all districts will submit their responses. This document has the yes/no and narrative questions and responses (tabs along the bottom).

October Compass Highlights for Superintendents

- I. MAST pilot program year 2- from 5000 students to 25000 students in this pilot. In 24-25 school year all schools will be in pilot. No longer administering SBAC. First testing window is October 23. This information is going directly to schools in the pilot from Tressa Graveley. Site coordinators are rostering. There is a Form B, for schools who are not involved in the existing pilot, schools can opt into a Form B “summative” timeframe, where they can do the pilot in the summative at the end of the school year, and not have to do SBAC.
- II. Overview of statewide assessment results from last year.
- III. Early Literacy Collaborative: In the 2023 Legislative Session, Montana lawmakers passed HB 352, authorizing the establishment of targeted early literacy interventions. To support the intent of collaboration stated in the bill, the OPI is creating an Early Literacy Collaborative (ELC). This Collaborative will foster cooperation between government agencies, schools,

families, educators, educator preparation programs, and communities. The focus of the OPI's collaborative will be to provide guidance for implementation of the school and home-based literacy intervention programs determined by the Board of Public Education. In addition, the ELC will provide data and feedback to the Board of Public Education's Early Literacy Advisory Council. The OPI's ELC will meet virtually monthly, starting in mid-October. If you are interested in participating in the ELC, please [submit this form](#). Questions? Contact [Christy Mock-Stutz](#), Assistant Superintendent.

- IV. **Accreditation Guidance Document** is available. This document has procedure and scoring information for new accreditation standards. Keep an eye for the platform to open in January. The scoring rubric is available for review in the guidance document, as well as the questions that will be in the new tool for accreditation purposes. Questions in white areas are for the SY 2023-24, while the grayed out areas will be added for the SY 2024-25. The three buttons on the [School Accreditation webpage](#) link to important information for this process.

- V. Be sure to touch base with our **AIM unit** on the transition from TEAMS to AIM. Reach out to our team at aim at OPI with any questions, they are ready and able to help! [Email the AIM team at OPI](#).