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ESSER Monitoring:

Monitoring the use of funds is a grant requirement and benefit to awardees. OPI is committed to collaborating with Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to use the monitoring process as an opportunity to move beyond compliance. The Office of Public Instruction's goal in monitoring is to help build the capacity of school districts so that they are aware of federal funding requirements, have the ability to self-assess against the requirements of the grants, and understand how they can utilize funding under the grants to improve services and secure resources.

Self-Assessment Monitoring process opens September 15, 2023 and close November 30, 2023.

ESSER Self-Assessment Monitoring Tool:

https://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information/ESSER/ESSER-Data-Collection

Some of the resources created and maintain to assist districts in meeting students' needs include:

- **Monthly** allocation and expenditure reports by district.
- Spending countdown (ESSER II CRRSA September 2023, ESSER III ARP September 2024)
- Public portal access on individual requests for funds, allocation, and cash requests.
- District use of funds Plans (priorities and goals) last OPI compliance review as of June 2023.

Upcoming 504 Information and PD Offerings:

Coordinated School Health Specialist will be providing information on 504 support, coming soon. And we will be building more resources into our website as well. How to implement 504 accommodations in the classroom.

Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD)
The CSPD uses a process which includes preservice, inservice and technical assistance for parents, general education staff, administrators and other service providers with the end result being better programs and services for all children and youth.

This is accomplished by collaborating with all stakeholders, disseminating best practices, and the evaluation of CSPD activities.
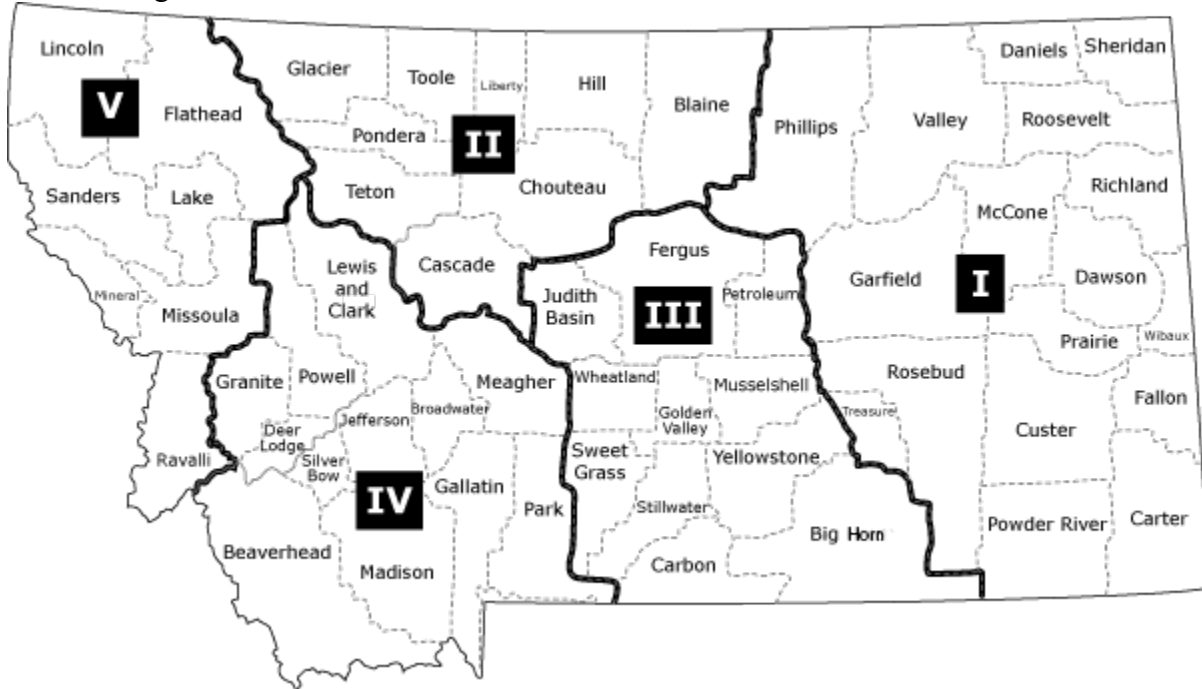
Montana CSPD is organized through a statewide council and five regional councils.

For Assistance Contact:
- ▪ Anne Carpenter, CSPD State Director, 406-465-0922

- Tammy Lysons, CSPD State Coordinator, 406-431-2309

Please see the CSPD Professional Learning schedule for upcoming sessions. These trainings are free of charge and offer OPI Renewal Units.

Region I
- Coordinator: Dena Senner
- Co-Chair: Rhiannon Beery
- Co-Chair: Pam Pettigrew

Region II
- Coordinator: Tiffany Olsen
- Tri-Chair: Amy Tangen
- Tri-Chair: Kris Magruder
- Tri-Chair: Amanda Christofferson

Region III
- Coordinator: John Keener
- Co-Chair: Lynsey Heiken
- Co-Chair: Karen Underwood

Region IV
- Coordinator: Denielle Miller
- Co-Chair: Alison Feddes
- Co-Chair: Maria Pace
- Facebook page

Region V
- Coordinator: Cass Rocco
- Chair: Sara Cole
- Past Chair: Charity Cheff

CSPD Professional Development Opportunities:

[Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Current Professional Learning Offerings - Google Docs](#)

Accreditation Professional Development Schedule:

September Accred. PD Sign Up:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecWvkFI7H8mpxryh_JRx4E-DWgR-bNwr0i42h3YysQDBQydw/viewform

HB 811:

District Clerks are currently entering school board trustee data into the secure portal. The question arose if county superintendents can enter this information, since they collect the trustee term information already. The bill requires contact information for school clerks to also be included, for clarity and consistency, then, school clerks will be the ones with access to the data entry portal for the trustee repository. Here's a quick overview of the responsibilities:

District Clerk responsibility

Per [HB 811](#), the district clerk's responsibility is to update district the contact information, which now includes the information in the Trustee Repository. The information is required by law to be updated within 14 days of the qualification and oathtaking of the new trustees. This information will need to be provided by the county superintendent.

County Superintendent responsibility

The county superintendent is responsible for providing information to the district clerk for the purpose of updating the Trustee Repository within the 14 days required by law. Necessary information will include (for elected or appointed) the date of oathtaking and the term for the trustee. Generally, the term is 3 years but for other situations, may include communicating the date of the future election for the "runs though" date.

Questions: [email Barb Quinn](#), Finance Manager, School Finance.