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New Dates: Montana School Law Conference Set for November 16, 17

OPI is proud to announce the Montana School Law Conference is scheduled for November 16 and 17 in Great Falls. On-line attendance is available now. The conference is designed for school administrators, school board members, and those interested in current legal issues facing education.

To read the conference flyer, [click here](#). To register, click [here](#).



2022 Montana Teacher of the Year Announced

State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen joined Arlee School District students, teachers, and administrators on Tuesday to announce that Bill Stockton has been selected as the 2022 Montana Teacher of the Year. Mr. Stockton is a high school science teacher in Arlee. He will go on to represent Montana in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

“I am proud to celebrate with Arlee High School science teacher Bill Stockton as he is awarded the 2022 Montana Teacher of the Year,” Superintendent Elsie Arntzen said Tuesday. “Bill has not only ignited a passion for science in his students, but he has also extended that same enthusiasm to all of the student teachers he has mentored.

It’s easy to see why Bill was unanimously selected to represent Montana. Congratulations, Arlee!”

Mr. Stockton rose to the top of the field after a rigorous and competitive selection process. The selection committee met last week to conduct virtual interviews of the four finalists: Bill Stockton of Arlee; Steffani Grogan of Forsyth; Christina Pavlovich of Livingston; and Brianna Saltenberger of Anaconda. The selection committee was made up of representatives from the Office of Public Instruction, the Governor’s Office, the Governor’s

Office of Indian Affairs, Education Advocates, the Montana business community, the Montana Legislature, and the current Montana Teacher of the Year.

Visit OPI's website for more information about the [Montana Teacher of the Year Program](#).

CSCT UPDATE

Effective October 1, 2021, the per diem rate for services will be enacted by DPHHS. The per diem rate is \$96.00 per day. The frontier school rate is 115 percent of the per diem rate.

A minimum of 30 minutes of service must be provided for the student and the service must align to the therapist's plan for the student.

The most recent calculation of when bridge funding will run out is November. Due to work by DPHHS in using a COVID related relief of 6.2 percent provided to DPHHS, this relief is also given to CSCT districts.

The next update and Q&A session with CSCT districts is October 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

The ZOOM Link for this meeting: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/86288974692> [mt-gov.zoom.us]

Because Leadership Matters!

In order to lead schools and systems in the 21st century, successful leaders must learn more about business concepts such as organizational change, resource allocations and efficiencies, human capital development, disruptive innovation, creativity, strategic thinking, and the new skill set every leader must develop in a pandemic-riddled environment of uncertainty and hourly change.

The Academy brings experts in these much-needed course sessions and invites a business or community leader from Montana to speak with participants during five course sessions. This enables participants to expand their professional networks across Montana, while learning from some of our state's most successful leaders. Register today from the OPI website: www.opi.mt.gov/ExLA

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