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## Possible Amendments to HB 203

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One more time and thanks everyone for your patience. I want to make sure we have language right that will correct some of the outliers and should also reduce concern among our members.

Representative Bedey, we would appreciate it if you could let us discuss and ensure common ground before approaching Senator Salomon regarding possible amendments. Please see the attached. These amendments do two things:

1. **Page 3, Lines 1-4.** On the suspension and expulsion of students seeking out of district attendance, I have reinstated the language that ensures that suspension and expulsion can be grounds for denial for any student, including a student qualified for services under IDEA. I have also amended the language regarding a suspension in the three years preceding requested enrollment and have amended it to one year (or the year in which attendance is sought, to address someone trying to move midyear after a suspension) as specifically requested by Disability Rights during the hearing. The following is the portion of the hearing where Disability Rights specifically said they would support the bill with an amendment limiting the impact of a suspension to no more than one year prior to requested enrollment:

<http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20170221/-1/46365?startposition=20230116152125&mediaEndTime=20230116152358&viewMode=3&globalStreamId=4>

2. **Page 8, Lines 22-23.** I have proposed to amend the rate of tuition so that 35.3% is a standard default, but which also ensures that the percentage of the tuition per-ANB amount is no greater than the percentage that general fund property taxes (BASE and Over BASE) represent as a share of the general fund budget in either the district of residence or the district of attendance. I have pasted a color coded alphabetical list of all school districts with the percentage of general fund budget represented by property taxes and identifying whether the result would be a cap at 35.3% or whether the tuition per ANB rate would be lower because of lower tax rates. This will specifically solve all the tuition issues in school districts with virtually no tax base and/or those with very small amounts of local taxes (such as Colstrip).

The Coalition is scheduled to discuss this further soon and we can get back to you with final thoughts before proceeding with a request of Senator Salomon to help amend the bill.

We will be in touch soon.

Thanks

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Absarokee Elem	EL	59.35%	Capped at 35.3%
Absarokee H S	HS	59.08%	Capped at 35.3%
Alberton K-12 Schools	K12	28.91%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Alder Elem	EL	57.21%	Capped at 35.3%
Alzada Elem	EL	40.44%	Capped at 35.3%
Amsterdam Elem	EL	29.40%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Anaconda Elem	EL	22.46%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Anaconda H S	HS	22.88%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Anderson Elem	EL	25.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Arlee Elem	EL	4.37%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Arlee H S	HS	4.47%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Arrowhead Elem	EL	47.20%	Capped at 35.3%
Ashland Elem	EL	15.12%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Auchard Creek Elem	EL	8.61%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Augusta Elem	EL	34.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Augusta H S	HS	38.41%	Capped at 35.3%
Avon Elem	EL	27.42%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ayers Elem	EL	3.83%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Bainville K-12 Schools	K12	14.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Baker K-12 Schools	K12	52.25%	Capped at 35.3%
Basin Elem	EL	36.02%	Capped at 35.3%
Bear Paw Elem	EL	47.55%	Capped at 35.3%
Beaverhead County H S	HS	32.48%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Belfry K-12 Schools	K12	28.75%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Belgrade Elem	EL	31.52%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Belgrade H S	HS	30.21%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Belt Elem	EL	34.04%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Belt H S	HS	32.15%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Benton Lake Elem	EL	44.38%	Capped at 35.3%
Biddle Elem	EL	45.72%	Capped at 35.3%
Big Sandy K-12	K12	37.81%	Capped at 35.3%
Big Sky School K-12	K12	51.15%	Capped at 35.3%
Big Timber Elem	EL	42.91%	Capped at 35.3%
Bigfork Elem	EL	41.63%	Capped at 35.3%
Bigfork H S	HS	41.85%	Capped at 35.3%
Billings Elem	EL	28.38%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Billings H S	HS	28.20%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Birney Elem	EL	11.59%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Bloomfield Elem	EL	43.33%	Capped at 35.3%
Blue Creek Elem	EL	29.68%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Bonner Elem	EL	21.15%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Boulder Elem	EL	26.43%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Box Elder Elem	EL	2.17%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Box Elder H S	HS	2.29%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Bozeman Elem	EL	39.69%	Capped at 35.3%
Bozeman H S	HS	41.76%	Capped at 35.3%
Bridger K-12 Schools	K12	45.19%	Capped at 35.3%
Broadus Elem	EL	42.31%	Capped at 35.3%
Broadview Elem	EL	49.65%	Capped at 35.3%
Broadview H S	HS	45.08%	Capped at 35.3%
Brockton Elem	EL	2.02%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Brockton H S	HS	2.11%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Brorson Elem	EL	16.95%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Browning Elem	EL	6.65%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Browning H S	HS	3.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Butte Elem	EL	29.13%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Butte H S	HS	32.89%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Bynum Elem	EL	18.16%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Canyon Creek Elem	EL	23.14%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cardwell Elem	EL	43.32%	Capped at 35.3%
Carter County H S	HS	56.72%	Capped at 35.3%
Carter Elem	EL	40.56%	Capped at 35.3%
Cascade Elem	EL	27.27%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cascade H S	HS	27.96%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Centerville Elem	EL	19.33%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Centerville H S	HS	25.60%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Charlo Elem	EL	5.41%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Charlo H S	HS	4.94%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Chester-Joplin-Inverness EI	EL	41.27%	Capped at 35.3%
Chester-Joplin-Inverness HS	HS	47.56%	Capped at 35.3%
Chinook Elem	EL	30.04%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Chinook H S	HS	33.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Choteau Elem	EL	31.50%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Choteau H S	HS	33.41%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Circle Elem	EL	35.02%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Circle H S	HS	43.51%	Capped at 35.3%
Clancy Elem	EL	22.13%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cleveland Elem	EL	56.20%	Capped at 35.3%
Clinton Elem	EL	28.54%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cohagen Elem	EL	42.65%	Capped at 35.3%
Colstrip Elem	EL	19.96%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Colstrip H S	HS	27.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Columbia Falls Elem	EL	28.78%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Columbia Falls H S	HS	31.93%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Columbus Elem	EL	40.98%	Capped at 35.3%
Columbus H S	HS	38.53%	Capped at 35.3%

Conrad Elem	EL	30.22%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Conrad H S	HS	36.98%	Capped at 35.3%
Cooke City Elem	EL	49.60%	Capped at 35.3%
Corvallis K-12 Schools	K12	15.56%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cottonwood Elem	EL	44.54%	Capped at 35.3%
Cottonwood Elem	EL	15.08%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Creston Elem	EL	25.71%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Culbertson Elem	EL	35.80%	Capped at 35.3%
Culbertson H S	HS	33.87%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Custer County H S	HS	28.97%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Custer K-12 Schools	K12	22.57%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cut Bank Elem	EL	32.03%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Cut Bank H S	HS	38.43%	Capped at 35.3%
Darby K-12 Schools	K12	30.33%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Davey Elem	EL	23.40%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Dawson H S	HS	35.18%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Deer Creek Elem	EL	53.53%	Capped at 35.3%
Deer Lodge Elem	EL	32.98%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Deer Park Elem	EL	13.65%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Deerfield Elem	EL	8.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Denton Elem	EL	60.36%	Capped at 35.3%
Denton H S	HS	55.31%	Capped at 35.3%
DeSmet Elem	EL	49.42%	Capped at 35.3%

Dillon Elem	EL	26.37%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Divide Elem	EL	41.56%	Capped at 35.3%
Dixon Elem	EL	11.93%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Dodson K-12	K12	20.33%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Drummond Elem	EL	31.92%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Drummond H S	HS	25.00%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Dupuyer Elem	EL	31.22%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Dutton/Brady K-12 Schools	K12	44.10%	Capped at 35.3%
East Glacier Park Elem	EL	44.66%	Capped at 35.3%
East Helena K-12	K12	16.18%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ekalaka Elem	EL	50.75%	Capped at 35.3%
Elder Grove Elem	EL	9.91%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Elliston Elem	EL	43.33%	Capped at 35.3%
Elysian Elem	EL	49.43%	Capped at 35.3%
Ennis K-12 Schools	K12	52.86%	Capped at 35.3%
Eureka Elem	EL	22.79%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Evergreen Elem	EL	20.21%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fair-Mont-Egan Elem	EL	22.08%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fairfield Elem	EL	25.28%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fairfield H S	HS	27.74%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fairview Elem	EL	24.00%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fairview H S	HS	19.76%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fergus H S	HS	30.89%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Fishtail Elem	EL	40.76%	Capped at 35.3%
Flathead H S	HS	23.19%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Florence-Carlton K-12 Schls	K12	18.56%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Forsyth Elem	EL	33.48%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Forsyth H S	HS	39.27%	Capped at 35.3%
Fort Benton Elem	EL	31.26%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fort Benton H S	HS	43.58%	Capped at 35.3%
Fortine Elem	EL	15.16%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Frazer Elem	EL	28.65%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Frazer H S	HS	28.58%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Frenchtown K-12 Schools	K12	17.88%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Froid Elem	EL	40.28%	Capped at 35.3%
Froid H S	HS	30.04%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Fromberg K-12	K12	31.20%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Frontier Elem	EL	29.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Galata Elem	EL	59.32%	Capped at 35.3%
Gallatin Gateway Elem	EL	38.52%	Capped at 35.3%
Gardiner Elem	EL	28.10%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Gardiner H S	HS	27.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Garfield County H S	HS	36.18%	Capped at 35.3%
Garrison Elem	EL	48.73%	Capped at 35.3%
Geraldine K-12	K12	61.68%	Capped at 35.3%
G... K-12 S... H S	K12	55.05%	Capped at 35.3%



Gildford Colony Elem	EL	26.43%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Glasgow K-12 Schools	K12	30.27%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Glendive Elem	EL	30.97%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Golden Ridge Elem	EL	12.34%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Grant Elem	EL	46.71%	Capped at 35.3%
Grass Range Elem	EL	30.88%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Grass Range H S	HS	29.27%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Great Falls Elem	EL	27.83%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Great Falls H S	HS	27.46%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Greenfield Elem	EL	20.50%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Greycliff Elem	EL	36.56%	Capped at 35.3%
Hall Elem	EL	29.95%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hamilton K-12 Schools	K12	27.16%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hardin Elem	EL	15.65%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hardin H S	HS	14.12%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Harlem Elem	EL	3.75%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Harlem H S	HS	4.70%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Harlowton K-12	K12	41.36%	Capped at 35.3%
Harrison K-12 Schools	K12	31.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Havre Elem	EL	27.17%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Havre H S	HS	30.85%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hawks Home Elem	EL	52.05%	Capped at 35.3%

Hays-Lodge Pole K-12 Schls	K12	0.45%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Heart Butte K-12 Schools	K12	0.16%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Helena Elem	EL	29.19%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Helena Flats Elem	EL	18.89%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Helena H S	HS	31.41%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hellgate Elem	EL	27.07%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Helmville Elem	EL	44.06%	Capped at 35.3%
Highwood K-12	K12	25.16%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hinsdale Elem	EL	40.48%	Capped at 35.3%
Hinsdale H S	HS	26.48%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hobson K-12 Schools	K12	39.55%	Capped at 35.3%
Hot Springs K-12	K12	16.61%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Huntley Project K-12 Schools	K12	20.01%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Hysham K-12 Schools	K12	50.61%	Capped at 35.3%
Independent Elem	EL	17.89%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Jackson Elem	EL	42.77%	Capped at 35.3%
Jefferson H S	HS	28.33%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Joliet Elem	EL	28.29%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Joliet H S	HS	24.99%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Jordan Elem	EL	25.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Judith Gap Elem	EL	62.47%	Capped at 35.3%
Judith Gap H S	HS	37.15%	Capped at 35.3%
Kalispell Elem	EL	28.56%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Kester Elem	EL	19.34%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Kila Elem	EL	17.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
King Colony Elem	EL	37.11%	Capped at 35.3%
Kinsey Elem	EL	10.79%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Kircher Elem	EL	46.33%	Capped at 35.3%
Knees Elem	EL	41.00%	Capped at 35.3%
Lambert Elem	EL	0.00%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lambert H S	HS	0.00%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lame Deer Elem	EL	0.17%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lame Deer H S	HS	1.45%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
LaMotte Elem	EL	36.18%	Capped at 35.3%
Laurel Elem	EL	31.51%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Laurel H S	HS	30.07%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lavina K-12 Schools	K12	28.55%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lewistown Elem	EL	26.33%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Libby K-12 Schools	K12	18.95%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Liberty Elem	EL	2.73%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lima K-12 Schools	K12	30.78%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lincoln County H S	HS	14.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lincoln K-12 Schools	K12	25.39%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lindsay Elem	EL	54.22%	Capped at 35.3%
Livingston Elem	EL	34.43%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lockwood K-12	K12	21.92%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Lodge Grass Elem	EL	3.58%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lodge Grass H S	HS	3.08%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lolo Elem	EL	26.96%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lone Rock Elem	EL	19.93%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Lustre Elem	EL	31.92%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Luther Elem	EL	47.47%	Capped at 35.3%
Malmborg Elem	EL	45.53%	Capped at 35.3%
Malta K-12 Schools	K12	28.29%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Manhattan High School	HS	25.74%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Manhattan School	EL	26.30%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Marion Elem	EL	33.94%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
McCormick Elem	EL	19.07%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
McLeod Elem	EL	53.64%	Capped at 35.3%
Medicine Lake K-12 Schools	K12	44.93%	Capped at 35.3%
Melrose Elem	EL	42.09%	Capped at 35.3%
Melstone Elem	EL	14.73%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Melstone H S	HS	7.93%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Melville Elem	EL	35.79%	Capped at 35.3%
Miami Elem	EL	7.52%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Miles City Elem	EL	25.39%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Missoula Elem	EL	30.60%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Missoula H S	HS	33.12%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Mt. St. Helens Elem	EL	22.21%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Montana City Elem	EL	27.76%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Moore Elem	EL	56.77%	Capped at 35.3%
Moore H S	HS	60.33%	Capped at 35.3%
Morin Elem	EL	24.16%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Mountain View Elem	EL	4.99%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Nashua K-12 Schools	K12	31.72%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
North Harlem Colony Elem	EL	3.27%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
North Star Elem	EL	51.17%	Capped at 35.3%
North Star HS	HS	56.07%	Capped at 35.3%
Noxon Elem	EL	47.23%	Capped at 35.3%
Noxon H S	HS	54.96%	Capped at 35.3%
Nye Elem	EL	45.49%	Capped at 35.3%
Olney-Bissell Elem	EL	29.51%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Opheim K-12 Schools	K12	43.12%	Capped at 35.3%
Ovando Elem	EL	46.86%	Capped at 35.3%
Park City Elem	EL	20.58%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Park City H S	HS	16.70%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Park H S	HS	39.79%	Capped at 35.3%
Pass Creek Elem	EL	22.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Pendroy Elem	EL	19.59%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Philipsburg K-12 Schools	K12	41.45%	Capped at 35.3%
Pine Creek Elem	EL	30.79%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Pine Grove Elem	EL	10.55%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Pioneer Elem	EL	25.80%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Plains K-12	K12	20.49%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Pleasant Valley Elem	EL	24.85%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Plenty Coups H S	HS	2.81%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Plentywood K-12 Schools	K12	31.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Plevna K-12 Schools	K12	42.03%	Capped at 35.3%
Polaris Elem	EL	33.09%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Polson Elem	EL	26.82%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Polson H S	HS	29.01%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Poplar Elem	EL	3.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Poplar H S	HS	4.45%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Potomac Elem	EL	17.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Powder River Co Dist H S	HS	44.49%	Capped at 35.3%
Powell County H S	HS	48.92%	Capped at 35.3%
Power Elem	EL	28.26%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Power H S	HS	26.91%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Pryor Elem	EL	6.05%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ramsay Elem	EL	37.10%	Capped at 35.3%
Rapelje Elem	EL	48.29%	Capped at 35.3%
Rapelje H S	HS	35.84%	Capped at 35.3%
Rau Elem	EL	24.48%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Red Lodge Elem	EL	39.72%	Capped at 35.3%

Red Lodge H S	HS	36.09%	Capped at 35.3%
Reed Point Elem	EL	47.13%	Capped at 35.3%
Reed Point H S	HS	26.67%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Reichle Elem	EL	21.12%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Richey Elem	EL	35.41%	Capped at 35.3%
Richey H S	HS	28.87%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Roberts K-12 Schools	K12	15.62%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Rocky Boy Elem	EL	0.19%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Rocky Boy H S	HS	0.20%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ronan Elem	EL	3.94%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ronan H S	HS	5.18%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Rosebud K-12	K12	40.97%	Capped at 35.3%
Ross Elem	EL	3.08%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Roundup Elem	EL	21.83%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Roundup High School	HS	20.14%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Roy K-12 Schools	K12	29.74%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ryegate K-12 Schools	K12	42.84%	Capped at 35.3%
S Y Elem	EL	27.85%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Saco Elem	EL	48.45%	Capped at 35.3%
Saco H S	HS	33.72%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Sand Springs Elem	EL	25.34%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Savage Elem	EL	27.68%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Savage H S	HS	37.53%	Capped at 35.3%

Scobey K-12 Schools	K12	31.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Seeley Lake Elem	EL	41.38%	Capped at 35.3%
Shelby Elem	EL	29.28%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Shelby H S	HS	41.55%	Capped at 35.3%
Shepherd Elem	EL	10.68%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Shepherd H S	HS	21.34%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Sheridan Elem	EL	32.21%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Sheridan H S	HS	37.38%	Capped at 35.3%
Shields Valley Elem	EL	40.14%	Capped at 35.3%
Shields Valley H S	HS	42.38%	Capped at 35.3%
Sidney Elem	EL	30.07%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Sidney H S	HS	28.69%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Simms H S	HS	27.13%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Smith Valley Elem	EL	14.66%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Somers Elem	EL	32.23%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
South Stacey Elem	EL	11.41%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Spring Creek Colony Elem	EL	3.03%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Spring Creek Elem	EL	17.65%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Springhill Elem	EL	25.57%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
St Ignatius K-12 Schools	K12	5.04%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
St Regis K-12 Schools	K12	29.98%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Stanford K-12 Schools	K12	38.43%	Capped at 35.3%



Stevensville H S	HS	19.87%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Sun River Valley Elem	EL	24.29%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Sunburst K-12 Schools	K12	52.11%	Capped at 35.3%
Sunset Elem	EL	43.15%	Capped at 35.3%
Superior K-12 Schools	K12	25.68%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Swan Lake-Salmon Elem	EL	45.19%	Capped at 35.3%
Swan River Elem	EL	21.40%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Swan Valley Elem	EL	47.69%	Capped at 35.3%
Sweet Grass County H S	HS	50.28%	Capped at 35.3%
Target Range Elem	EL	22.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Terry K-12 Schools	K12	38.82%	Capped at 35.3%
Thompson Falls Elem	EL	40.60%	Capped at 35.3%
Thompson Falls H S	HS	31.69%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Three Forks Elem	EL	20.47%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Three Forks H S	HS	20.12%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Townsend K-12 Schools	K12	31.54%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Trail Creek Elem	EL	46.31%	Capped at 35.3%
Trego Elem	EL	43.50%	Capped at 35.3%
Trinity Elem	EL	35.74%	Capped at 35.3%
Trout Creek Elem	EL	51.12%	Capped at 35.3%
Troy Elem	EL	24.43%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Troy H S	HS	23.14%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Turner Elem	EL	29.18%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Turner H S	HS	30.52%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Twin Bridges K-12 Schools	K12	30.99%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Ulm Elem	EL	18.44%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Upper West Shore Elem	EL	44.09%	Capped at 35.3%
Valier Elem	EL	36.86%	Capped at 35.3%
Valier H S	HS	33.32%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Valley View Elem	EL	14.23%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Vaughn Elem	EL	18.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Victor K-12 Schools	K12	21.01%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Vida Elem	EL	45.28%	Capped at 35.3%
West Glacier Elem	EL	48.61%	Capped at 35.3%
West Valley Elem	EL	16.88%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
West Yellowstone K-12	K12	45.32%	Capped at 35.3%
Westby K-12 Schools	K12	31.65%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
White Sulphur Spgs K-12	K12	45.81%	Capped at 35.3%
Whitefish Elem	EL	45.45%	Capped at 35.3%
Whitefish H S	HS	47.39%	Capped at 35.3%
Whitehall Elem	EL	15.97%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Whitehall H S	HS	22.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Whitewater K-12 Schools	K12	43.91%	Capped at 35.3%
Wibaux K-12 Schools	K12	52.89%	Capped at 35.3%
Willow Creek Elem	EL	32.69%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %

Willow Creek H S	HS	26.51%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Winifred K-12 Schools	K12	17.86%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Winnett K-12 Schools	K12	24.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Wisdom Elem	EL	44.44%	Capped at 35.3%
Wise River Elem	EL	45.15%	Capped at 35.3%
Wolf Creek Elem	EL	46.72%	Capped at 35.3%
Wolf Point Elem	EL	6.60%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Wolf Point H S	HS	21.87%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Woodman Elem	EL	18.87%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Wyola Elem	EL	8.63%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Yaak Elem	EL	36.54%	Capped at 35.3%
Yellowstone Academy Elem	EL	0.06%	Lower than 35.3% due to actual %
Zurich Elem	EL	46.89%	Capped at 35.3%

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**Subject:** Re: Possible Amendments to HB 203

Representative Bedey, I am following up on our conversation late this afternoon regarding the message below and suggested amendments to HB 203. I am sending this back out to the Coalition to confirm where we are at this point.

I have removed the proposed amendments early in the bill pertaining to consideration of tax impacts as grounds for denying out of district enrollment. What remains is the fix on status of students who have been suspended or expelled and the tuition rate.

I know you have to take a second look at this and I have attached a revised grey bill. The tentative game plan will be to bring Senator Salomon into the discussion and seek to amend the bill in Senate Education.

Thanks

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Representative Bedey,

As you likely know, those of us partnering in the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools have been receiving continued questions, concerns, comments, regarding House Bill 203. We are not sure that the concerns can be addressed but we want you to know that we will continue to support House Bill 203 but that we are also interested in working with you on amendments that might significantly reduce the angst among some of our members. We are hopeful you might give consideration to some amendments that would preserve the intent of the bill but also mitigate some of the tax concerns. We have heard from some districts with very low tax wealth and significant challenges with student achievement that are worried about having to spend impact aid funds.

Sort of the perfect storm in this regard is found in Lame Deer. Lame Deer reports that they have 100 resident students who attend school in Colstrip. The problem that they cite is that Lame Deer has no tax base, so they will be required to send general fund or impact aid funds to Colstrip. Colstrip actually has no BASE levy, being funded primarily by coal taxes.

We are hoping your will consider the following, which we have drafted into a grey bill that I have attached for your review.

1. Page 2, line 16, introduce the interests of taxpayers in the district of attendance as a factor the district of attendance can consider.
2. Page 3, new subsection (f) that allows denial when the tuition payment is insufficient to adequately mitigate the impact to local taxes in the district of attendance.

3. Page 3 – Re-fix special ed suspensions and expulsions. Remove the blanket waiver and implement the “suspension in the immediate preceding fiscal year” as disability rights asked for during the hearing.
4. Page 8 – Change the tuition payment to be calculated on BASE property taxes per ANB. This change needs to be considered in conjunction with the new language referenced in 1 and 2 above.

The formula for tuition would be the general fund property taxes per ANB of the district of residence but also capped at no more than the BASE property taxes of the district of attendance.

An example of the tuition calculation in practice:

Darby High School student seeks attendance at Stevensville High School

1. Darby general fund property taxes (BASE and Over BASE) per ANB = \$2,449
2. Hamilton general fund BASE property taxes per ANB = \$2,016
3. Tuition payment of Darby to Hamilton = \$2,016
4. Hamilton gets to consider, as part of its decision on whether to allow the Darby student to attend, whether the taxes of resident taxpayers have been sufficiently mitigated.

We think this change would reduce dissent among our members. It would also solve most of the outlier districts, predominantly American Indian, who have no tax base. We think these amendments would improve the bill while also upholding the intent of increasing public school choice and ensuring that tax money follows the student.

Maybe we could discuss tomorrow when I see you at 4 pm.

Thanks for your consideration.

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