

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF MONTANA
Caucus Proposed Amendments to Positions and Resolutions
Proposed Amendments to Positions and Resolutions by Caucus' for consideration of
SAM Delegate Assembly 2019 on 6-13-2019

Proposed Amendments are in font colors by Affiliate: **MASS**, **MASSP**, **MAEMSP**, **META**, **MACSS**, **MCASE**

MASSP Caucus Proposed Amendment

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HOME SCHOOLS

SAM supports legislation that strengthens the accountability of non-public schools and home schools in Montana.

Designation: ~~Action~~ **Support**

MCASE Caucus Proposed Amendment

Resolution #01/03/06/08/09/10/14/16/19^[KM1] -01 – FUNDING

WHEREAS, Montana consistently ranks at or near the bottom of all 50 states in economic development; and^[KM2]

WHEREAS, Montana has one of the highest poverty levels in the country; and^[KM3]

WHEREAS, Montana chooses not to distribute revenue to adequately fund K-12 education^[KM4] continues to seek avenues for equitable and adequate revenue distribution for PK-12 education; and

WHEREAS, schools need to set levies, hold elections, hire staff, set academic schedules and make numerous educational decisions in the early spring; and

WHEREAS, the ability to carry over unencumbered funds would eliminate minuscule levy elections conducted by districts to maintain prior year budgeting authority;

BE IT RESOLVED, that SAM supports school funding be on two year cycles corresponding to the off years of the regular legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM supports the development of a statewide economic plan to generate and distribute revenue needed to provide adequate and equitable funding levels for PK-12 education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM supports requiring the legislature to allocate at a minimum the amount budgeted for PK-12 education in the prior session or special session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM supports legislation to allow districts to carryover unencumbered prior year funds without affecting budget maximums; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM believes that the MTDA (Montana Digital Academy) funding sources shall come from the state legislature and not from the individual district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM supports funding of state special education allowable costs as a part of the school funding formula, with the additional allocation adjusted to meet the needs of special education cooperatives and inflationary increases applied to this component of the funding formula; and [KM5]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM supports continued funding of full time kindergarten.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that SAM supports additional and continued funding for early childhood education programs.

Designation: Support Action

META Caucus Proposed Amendment

Resolution #16/17/19-08 – ANB ALLOCATION FOR TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE UPGRADES

WHEREAS, every school district in Montana strives to provide a quality education for every student that culminates in college and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, every school district in Montana is united in the belief that all students deserve to be successful; and

WHEREAS, every school district in Montana is striving to provide 21st Century learning opportunities and needed skills; and

WHEREAS, every school district in Montana is funded through a variety of sources, but primarily by the average number of students in attendance or ANB, and

WHEREAS, Timber sales have been used to historically fund technology but that revenue stream has been eliminated ~~continued to decline and now represents a minute fraction of needed monetary resources to fuel technology;~~ and

WHEREAS, schools are having difficulties in funding for technology and funding is not equitable across the state for upgrading, maintaining, and supporting technology hardware in schools; and

WHEREAS, a basic allocation per student, (e.g. Data Achievement (MCA 20-9-325)), would bring a constant revenue that school districts would support refreshing technology hardware on at least a five year cycle (industry standard). A basic annual allocation of \$50 per student over a five year span would generate \$250; which may not cover the complete cost of hardware for a student, but enough that a district can do more effective and efficient planning; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the following costs would be associated with the resolution:—

Cost of funding technology hardware for a five year refresh cycle	
Per student allocation of \$50 with 144,532 students (as of 2014-2015)	\$7,226,600

WHEREAS, technology touches all aspects of education including the business operations, curriculum resources and assessments. Together these have become a significant burden on technology budgets; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #16/17/19-08 help support requirements set forth in Resolutions: #13/14/15-03, – MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS
#13/15-01, – CAPITAL FACILITY NEEDS
#05/09-03, - CARL PERKINS AND HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND TECHNICAL REFORM FUNDING
#14-04, – FUNDING SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE
#13/16/17-07, – PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
#00/03/05/14/15/16/18-10, ANB FUNDING FOR 19 YEAR OLDS
#01/18-04, – PERMISSIVE FUNDING FOR HIGH IMPACT COSTS
#01/03/05/12/14/15/16/17-07, – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT
#01/03/06/08/09/10/14/16/19-01, – FUNDING
#16/17-06, ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAREER AND VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION
#16-07, ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR MANDATED SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
New #19-01, – ALLOWING THE USE OF VIDEO EVIDENCE TO ENFORCE SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM VIOLATIONS;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the SAM hereby requests that the 2019~~20~~²¹ Montana Legislature increase the state’s funding for technology by appropriating ~~\$7,226,600 million~~ **\$50 per student** each year for technology hardware.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SAM supports an increase in funding beyond the services already allocated to support schools.

Designation: Support Action