



## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF MONTANA

### *Summary of SAM Delegate Assembly 2016 Actions on 6-17-16*

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SAM Delegate Assembly 2016 convened on June 17, 2016 following the review of Positions and Resolutions by affiliate caucuses on June 16, 2016. Forty-three delegates approved 39 Positions and 43 Resolutions for recommendation to the SAM membership at the annual meeting scheduled for October 20, 2016 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Billings Radisson Hotel. Below is a summary of major and new actions on those Positions and Resolutions.

## POSITIONS

### **POSITIONS PREAMBLE**

Delegates approved revisions to the preamble to more accurately reflect prioritization of SAM positions and resolutions and the process to be followed by the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee and presentation of revised and new positions and resolutions.

### **TEACHER & ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

Delegates approved changing designation from Support to Action.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Delegates approved changing designation from Support to Action.

### **PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Delegates created a position statement under the STATEWIDE ISSUES category with designation of Action. Position Statement: SAM will seek legislative changes to find a method for relief to health insurance costs.

### **REGIONAL SERVICE AGENCY STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE DEFINED IN LAW**

Delegates created a position statement under the STATEWIDE ISSUES category with designation of Support. Position Statement: SAM will work in collaboration with other public education advocacy groups in developing necessary guidelines, policies, structures and other resources to assist school districts in establishing/structuring/implementing regional service center areas to maximize efficiencies and optimize resources under existing law.

### **SUPPORT OF TRAINING FOR FEDERAL E-RATE REIMBURSEMENT**

Delegates created a position statement under the STATEWIDE ISSUES category with designation of Support. Position Statement: SAM will support a model for training for E-Rate applications and submittal to leverage expertise to ensure every district in Montana is taking advantage of the Federal E-Rate funding.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution #04/14/16-02 – PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Delegates approved changing designation from Action to Support.



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**Resolution #10/16-01 – UNIFIED RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

Delegates approved changing designation from Support to Action.

**Resolution #16-01 – ONLINE VERIFICATION AND GRACE PERIOD FOR REGISTERING EDUCATOR LICENSE**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to address the process and timeline for registering educator certificates.

**Resolution #16-02 – STATE TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to provide transportation reimbursement for academic summer school programs approved by local trustees under the policy for student enrollment for exceptional circumstances before requesting reimbursement through the county transportation committee.

**Resolution #16-04 – ANB PAYMENT MODIFICATION FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to modify school funding so the per ANB payment for 6<sup>th</sup> graders is the same as that for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Resolution #16-05 – CHANGE COMPULSORY ENROLLMENT AGE FROM 7 TO 6 YEARS OLD**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to change the compulsory enrollment age from 7 to 6.

**Resolution #16-06 – ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAREER AND VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to request that the 2017 Montana Legislature increase the state's support of career and technical education by appropriating \$1 million in each year of the 2019 biennium for secondary vocational education programs.

**Resolution #16-08 – ANB ALLOCATION FOR TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE UPGRADES**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to support an increase in funding beyond the services already allocated to support technology hardware purchases. The requested allocation would be \$50 per student totaling approximately \$7.2 million.

**Resolution #16-09 – SUPPORT OF MINIMUM BANDWIDTH FOR SCHOOLS**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to work collaboratively with partners to ensure a minimum of 1Mbps per student bandwidth is available for all public school students, and to explore PK-20 connectivity consortiums to connect public schools with the University system.

**Resolution #16-11 – REMOVING THE LIMIT DURATION ON TECHNOLOGY LEVY FUNDING**

Delegates approved a new resolution, with designation of Support, to revise MCA 20-9-533 to strike the 10 year maximum limitation on technology levies making them perpetual once again.