



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF MONTANA
Summary of SAM Delegate Assembly 2017 Actions on 6-16-17
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SAM Delegate Assembly 2017 convened on June 16, 2017 following the review of Positions and Resolutions by affiliate caucuses on June 15, 2017. Forty-one delegates approved 39 Positions and 44 Resolutions for recommendation to the SAM membership at the annual meeting scheduled for October 19, 2017, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. during MCEL in Billings. Below is a summary of major and new actions on those Positions and Resolutions.

POSITIONS

POSITIONS PREAMBLE

Delegates approved revisions to the preamble through 2019.

LICENSURE

Delegates approved removing language referring to “highly qualified” because this language is no longer used for federal program definitions.

MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY

Delegates approved changing designation from Support to Action.

STUDENT DATA WAREHOUSE

Delegates approved language adding “secure” to the statewide data warehouse definition.

TAXES

Delegates approved additional language to oppose funding formulas shifting the burden onto local taxpayers. Delegates approved changing designation from Support to Action.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #99/02/06/07/16/17-08 – SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Delegates approved language revisions to address mental health services and changed the designation from Support to Action.

Resolution #01/03/05/12/14/15/16/17-07 –STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT

Delegates approved language revisions to the title of the resolution.

Resolution #02/12/14/17-03 – VOUCHERS, TUITION TAX CREDITS, TAX SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS (OTHER THAN AS DEFINED IN ARM 10-55-604)

Delegates approved language revisions clarifying non-discrimination.

Resolution #03/06/11/16/17-02 – ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MANDATED SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Delegates approved clarifying language on referencing inadequate state funding for mandated services requesting full state and federal funding for mandated services with parallel increases to ANB funding.



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Resolution #13/14/17-04 – FEDERAL ISSUES IMPORTANT TO MONTANA

Delegates approved to additional Federal issues -- Montana Congressional Delegation to ensure that the USAC E-rate program stays fully funded to ensure equitable and adequate bandwidth to every student; and that SAM supports Net Neutrality (non-differential of rates for the open Internet). Added language to consider the impact of federal funding reductions to Carl Perkins, Impact Aid, and Medicaid Reimbursement.

Resolution #13/16/17-07 – PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Delegates approved language to modernize the reference to the Montana Educator Performance Appraisal System (EPAS) state models for teacher and administrator evaluation.

Resolution #15/17-01- SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING, CLOSING THE GAP

Delegates approved language revisions to state that historically state and federal legislative increases for special education funding have been infrequent and wholly inadequate.

Resolution #16-04 – ANB PAYMENT MODIFICATION FOR 6TH GRADE

Delegates approved striking this resolution with a request to the resolution submitter to modify school funding so the per ANB payment for 6th graders being the same as that for 7th and 8th graders with language that is contemporary moving into the future (there were references to funding in 2015 and other antiquated number in this resolution).

Resolution #16/17-06 – ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAREER AND VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Delegates approved a rewrite of this resolution to modernize the language beyond the 2017 legislative session references. The resolution indicates primary support for additional funding for HS CTE programs including inflationary increases, and also supports action to create a funding mechanism to support CTE in accredited middle schools that supplements but does not supplant HS funding.

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

Delegates approved language to strike reference to 2017 and replace with 2019.

Resolution #16/17-09 – SUPPORT OF ~~MINIMUM~~ ADEQUATE BANDWIDTH FOR SCHOOLS

Delegates approved language revision in the title to reference adequate, rather than minimum, bandwidth.