

Eastern Region Meeting Agenda: 4-13-21

Attendees:

Ben Lambert

Allyson Robertus

Lynne Peterson

Stacy Lemelin

Pam Meier

Julie Hornby

Nikki Trahan

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Topics for Discussion:

-Continued remote learning procedures for districts.

Billings has not made final decision, may not be offering RL next year. Most districts will not offer it for students unless they are quarantined. Utilize it as a short term bridge when a student is out of school for a period of time. Trying to get back to some what normal again. Maybe not next year, but down the road. Enrollment is an issue. Daycares offering K-2 options, hitting ANB.

-Retention from remote learning or home school students.

Laurel looking at summer school and tutoring options, ESY for sped and elementary. Be looking at the long game. Achievement gap bubble. Kindergarteners are the only group that has not, yet been negatively impacted. Need teachers to slow down and understand the difference between years. What are students who are a year behind going to look like down the road if they are not retained? Is it comparable to what regular retention students see? Brining in home school kinders to do a screener.

-SAM AI in July. What is that going to look like. NAESP conference in Chicago? Still planning live conference. Updates on the 26th in spring meeting.

-Legislative info. Charter school bill has been derailed. Could be blasted out of committee into full house. Special education funding, money for ANB to used for private school. Money would go to parents, then may not come back to school even if students do return to public school.

-Call to Actions have had a great effect during this session. Need to continue to put pressure on legislators to defend public education.

-Adding in more to what SAM sends for call to action. They like to hear language that is weaved in with "local control" "great state of Montana", those go a long ways to helping convince the legislators.