



## **Professional Bio – Jeff Patterson**

Jeff Patterson is President and CEO of K12 Montana Inc ([k12mt.com](http://k12mt.com)), a technology leadership and support consulting firm in Great Falls helping schools, nonprofits and businesses reach their goals through innovative and cost-effective uses of technology. Jeff and his team work hard every day on their singular goal: empowering organizations through simple and secure technology.

From 2020 to today, Jeff has designed, architected and is lead engineer for K12 Panel ([k12panel.com](http://k12panel.com)), a web-based tool built for the needs of K12 organizations. Panel allows superintendents, principals, clerks and technologists to work together to plan, budget and control technology across the district. Through Panel, technologists can manage their entire technology fleet, including cloud-based deployment of printers and software, helping to reduce the need for costly onsite servers. Panel integrates seamlessly with school districts Google Workspace for Education and/or Microsoft Azure cloud platforms.

Jeff was a founding member of META and has served in a variety of state-wide educational leadership roles.

Before starting [K12 Montana Inc](http://K12 Montana Inc) and [K12Panel.com](http://K12Panel.com), Jeff served as the first Director of Technology at Great Falls Public Schools. Prior to 2008, Jeff was a senior manager and architect in software development divisions first at the BestBuy.com headquarters in Minneapolis and then at Nike, Inc. headquarters in Portland.

Jeff and his wife are both Montana State University Bobcats and live in Great Falls with their two daughters.