

**Strategic Plans – Comparative Worksheet  
Kindergarten to College Workgroup  
Meeting May 14, 2009**

Board of Education (BOE) purpose:

- Long-range planning
- Coordinating and evaluating policies and programs for the state's educational systems

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| <p><b>School Readiness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids ready for school</li> <li>• Schools ready for kids</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 1:</b> Support schools so that all students can achieve high standards</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue Full-Time Kindergarten</li> <li>• 0-8 agenda</li> <li>• Serve on the Governor's School Readiness Taskforce (convened by DPHHS)</li> </ul> <p><b>DPHHS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Kids Initiative (2009 LEG SESSION)*</li> </ul> <p><b>Dept. of Commerce:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality Schools Facility Grant Program</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 1:</b> Evaluate the Board's accreditation standards to ensure they are contemporary, effective, and supported by all school districts in their local obligations to meet high quality education for all Montana students.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSDB is re-looking at its strategic plan and how it can better provide consultation and technical assistance to schools</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal I:</b> Increase the overall educational attainment of Montanans through increased participation, retention, and completion rates in the Montana University System.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve on Governor's School Readiness Taskforce (convened by DPHHS)</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Students ready for college and work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase high school and college graduation rates</li> <li>• Decrease high school dropout rate/ increase college participation and retention rates</li> <li>• Dual credit &amp; enrollment</li> <li>• Global Competitiveness (math &amp; science)</li> <li>• Build a ready workforce</li> </ul> <p><b>REVISE AND MERGE WITH TECHNOLOGY FRAMEWORK</b></p> | <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Deliver quality instruction through professional development</p> <p><b>Goal 5:</b> Support accountability and improvement in all Montana schools</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual High School (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> <li>• Implement Class 8 Licensure</li> <li>• Common Core State Standards Initiative</li> <li>• Work with MUS to coordinate at least five early college degree programs in a Montana Big Sky Career Pathway for high school students</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Provoke quality teaching and administration in an era of high school change and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.</p> <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Embrace necessary educational reform to guarantee that all Montana students are prepared for work, post secondary education, and civic life.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual High School (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> <li>• Point person for Common Core State Standards Initiative</li> <li>• Implement Class 8 Licensure</li> </ul> <p><b>Dept. of Labor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate Big Sky Pathways into the Montana Career Information System (MCIS)</li> <li>• Community Service (ARRA)</li> <li>• Workforce Investment Act \$ (ARRA)</li> <li>• Grant \$ for green energy economy</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal I:</b> Increase the overall educational attainment of Montanans through increased participation, retention and completion rates in the Montana University System.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improve postsecondary education participation rates, with particular attention to Montana residents in MUS institutions.</li> <li>2) Increase retention rates within the Montana University System</li> </ol> <p><b>Goal I (4):</b> Work collaboratively with the K-12 education system to increase high school academic preparedness, completion and concurrent enrollment programs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Expand outreach to at-risk and disadvantaged students</li> <li>2) Expand outreach to top academic achievers graduating from Montana high schools</li> <li>3) Increase dual enrollment and advanced placement programs.</li> </ol> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Class 8 Licensure</li> <li>• Centralize distance learning courses into a single unified web-based student enrollment system (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> <li>• Virtual High School (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> </ul> |

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|                                 |                                    |                                 | <p><b>Goal II (1):</b> Increase responsiveness to workforce development needs by expanding and developing programs in high demand fields in the State</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Sky Pathways</li> <li>• Coordinate at least five early college degree programs in a Montana Big Sky Career Pathway for high school students</li> <li>• Supercomputer at MT Tech and connection to K-12 and high schools</li> <li>• Support for non-beneficiaries at tribal colleges (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Technology Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short and long term vision</li> <li>• Coordinate legislative data requests</li> <li>• Coordinating with other agencies</li> <li>• Distance education K-12 and higher education</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Assess and communicate the quality and achievements of K-12 education</p> <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Deliver quality instruction through professional development</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Provide access to and management of information and data related to K-12 school improvement</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build student data system and connect with teacher data system</li> <li>• Longitudinal data system grant</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Embrace necessary educational reform to guarantee that all Montana students are prepared for work, post secondary education, and civic life.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data driven decision making</li> </ul> <p><b>Commerce:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ for Broadband mapping (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal III (1):</b> Improve the accuracy, consistency and accessibility of system data, including the continued development of a comprehensive data warehouse.</p> <p><b>Goal I (6):</b> Improve distance and on-line education across the entire Montana University System.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Transcript Pilot Project</li> <li>• Centralize distance learning courses into a single unified web-based student enrollment system (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal II (2):</b> Establish collaborative programs among institutions, the private sector, and the state to expand research, technology transfer, the commercialization of new technologies, and the development of our entrepreneurs.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase connectivity with University Research Network</li> <li>• Develop new research opportunities and funding opportunities using the supercomputer</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Close tuition and salary gap</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access</li> <li>• Affordability</li> <li>• Transferability</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Assess and communicate the quality and achievements of K-12 education</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish criteria for Quality Educator Loan Forgiveness Program</li> <li>• Virtual High School (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> <li>• Distance Learning money in HB 645 (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Embrace necessary educational reform to guarantee that all Montana students are prepared for work, post secondary education, and civic life.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish criteria for Quality Educator Loan Forgiveness Program</li> <li>• Appoint 3 members of Virtual High School board (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal I (2):</b> Make higher education more affordable by offering more need-based financial aid and scholarships.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Increase the percentage of students who receive financial aid or scholarships.</li> <li>3) Increase the average aid/scholarship award amount.</li> </ol> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student loan study bill (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> <li>• Execute Quality Educator Loan Forgiveness Program</li> <li>• Governor’s “Best &amp; Brightest” Scholarship Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 1 (3):</b> Promote post-secondary education affordability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase the amount of state support as a percentage of total personal income relative to peer states and historical levels.</li> <li>2) Decrease tuition as a percentage of median household income.</li> </ol> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition freeze at community colleges, 2-year campuses and non-flagship schools</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal I (5):</b> Increase postsecondary enrollment of traditional and non-traditional</p> |

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|                                 |                                    |                                 | <p>students through expanded outreach programs, evening/weekend programs, and 2-year programs.</p> <p>1) Increase enrollment in two-year programs.</p> <p>2) Increase programs and classes for non-traditional students, including evening and weekend programs.</p> <p><b>Goal I (6):</b> Improve distance and on-line learning by coordinating delivery of education across the entire Montana University System.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralize distance learning courses into a single unified web-based student enrollment system (2009 LEG SESSION)</li> <li>• Making Opportunity Affordable grant</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal III (2):</b> Deliver efficient and coordinated services.</p> <p>3) Improve articulation and transferability among all 2-year and 4-year institutions, including community colleges and tribal colleges.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the Transferability Initiative</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Indian Education for All</b>        | <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Deliver quality instruction through professional development</p> <p><b>Goal 5:</b> Support accountability and improvement in all Montana schools</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Education for All is a standing agenda item</li> <li>• Professional Development</li> <li>• Technical assistance to schools</li> <li>• Would like to see this as focus of Kindergarten to College Workgroup</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Provoke quality teaching and administration in an era of high school change and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Education for All in pre-service teacher education programs</li> </ul> | <p><b>Goal 1:</b> Increase the overall educational attainment of Montanans through increased participation, retention, and completion rates in the Montana University System.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Education for All is a standing agenda item</li> </ul> |

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