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RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Claudette Morton
Executive Secretary

WHEREAS schools are now faced with fiscal constraints which were not foreseen when scholarship requirements for the Montana University System were first considered in 1984, and

WHEREAS there were so many other major items included in the Commissioner's report to the Board of Regents that the admission standards recommendation was not given a proper hearing and schools were not given an adequate opportunity to express their concerns, and

WHEREAS the Board of Public Education, at the request of the Legislature, is undertaking an in-depth study to re-examine the definition of a Basic Education, and

WHEREAS this new definition could well lead to the identification of outcome based educational goals that would replace the input type standards outlined in the Regent's policies, and

WHEREAS the question of defining specific course requirements in admission standards so impacts local school districts that the matter should have a full hearing in its own right before any standards are implemented,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Education does by this resolution ask the Board of Regents to delay implementation of that part of its admission standards that requires specific coursework in high school until the study of Basic Education is completed.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
ON JULY 14, 1987.

Alan Nicholson, Chairman

A Definition of a Basic System of Free Quality Elementary and Secondary Schools

Traditionally, historically, and legally, the education of the child is the responsibility of the parents. However, government has an interest in providing a public system of education for its citizens. This interest is based upon three important factors:

that it is necessary to have an informed, literate electorate in a democratic society; and

that it is important that its citizenry be competent in the world of work in order to sustain the free enterprise system; and

that it is desirable to transmit the knowledge, skills, and cultures of the diverse peoples of the state in an effort to promote dialogue, understanding and harmonious relationships among all people.

Therefore, the Board of Public Education

in order to affirm its "general supervisory powers";

in order to acknowledge the shared powers of governance of locally elected boards;

in order to provide clarity;

in order to support the goal of equal educational opportunity;

adopts the following definition:

A basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools is defined as the educational framework necessary to allow local school districts to implement the Montana School Accreditation Standards, as promulgated by the Board of Public Education. It is intended that the basic system be governed in such a way as to preserve the constitutional rights of the Legislature, the Board of Public Education, local school boards, and the citizens of the state.

The Board has adopted this definition with these understandings:

1. The Accreditation Standards constitute the instructional expectations of a basic system of free quality education.
2. The "educational framework" includes all of the things required to implement the Accreditation Standards.
3. The constitutional provision for local control is a central consideration of the definition and is addressed in the last sentence: "preserve the constitutional rights of the Legislature, the Board of Public Education, local school boards, and the citizens of the state."
4. The definition includes all of the things currently required by the existing Accreditation Standards and such other future amendments as promulgated by the Board of Public Education.
5. The educational guarantee of Article X Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Montana are primary expectations of the definition.

POLICY

TO: ALL INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PERSONS

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Public Education, State of Montana, to provide equal employment opportunity (EEO) and equal services to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, handicap, marital status, or political belief with the exception of those programs or services which have special requirements mandated by law.

To accomplish this policy the Board of Public Education shall:

1. Equalize access to all levels of agency/employment for those affected classes of persons who have traditionally (either consciously or unconsciously) been denied equal access (women, minorities and the disabled).
2. Make reasonable accommodations needed to enable qualified handicapped employees and applicants to satisfactorily perform the duties of its positions except where the required accommodations would create an undue hardship on the agency.
3. Guarantee employees protection against retaliation for lawfully opposing any discriminating practice whether it be the filing of an internal or external grievance, initiating an administrative or legal proceeding, or testifying in or participation in any of the above.

The responsibility for coordinating the Board of Public Education Office Affirmative Action program and attempting to resolve employee and applicant EEO grievances is hereby assigned to the Board of Public Education Office EEO/Personnel Representative, Claudette Morton, Executive Secretary, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59620, (406) 444-6576. The responsibility for development, implementation, monitoring, compliance, and maintenance of the office's Affirmative Action Plan shall rest with the EEO Officer and the Board of Public Education.

Any inquiries, questions, requests for interpretations, or grievances should be referred to the above named Personnel/EEO Officer.


Claudette Morton
Executive Secretary


Date



Board of Public Education

RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Claudette Morton
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WHEREAS, GENE DONALDSON, a highly respected and able Legislator and Citizen of Montana passed away September 15, 1987, and

WHEREAS, GENE DONALDSON worked in close association with this Board and the Office of Public Instruction in the interests of all of Montana's School Children, and

WHEREAS, the loss of our associate motivates us to reflect on those years of his dedicated service and contributions to the cause of education in the State of Montana, and

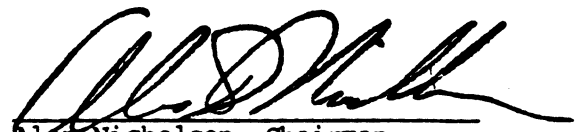
WHEREAS, GENE DONALDSON'S commitment to education was total and consummate, and particularly so in the area of his special interest, the funding of education, and

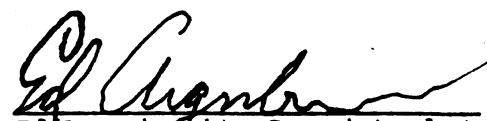
WHEREAS, the contributions made by GENE DONALDSON as aforesaid reflect great credit to him personally, to his family, his community and to the people of Montana,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Public Education and the Office of Public Instruction of the State of Montana that this Resolution, hereby adopted, constitute a perpetual memorial expressing not only the personal grief which we have for his loss, but as a testimonial to his distinguished and valued contribution to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial be spread on the minutes of the Board of Public Education, distributed to the media and delivered to the Donaldson Family.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1987.


Alan Nicholson, Chairman
Board of Public Education


Ed Argenbright, Superintendent
Office of Public Instruction

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR
THE DEAF AND THE BLIND



STATE OF MONTANA

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GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59401

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BILL PRICKETT, SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Betty Van Tighem has informed the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind and the Board of Public Education of her plan to retire at the end of the 1992-93 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Van Tighem has devoted 33 years to the education of deaf and hard of hearing children and to statewide service to the deaf community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Van Tighem's dedicated and tireless efforts have benefitted all deaf citizens of Montana; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Education commends Mrs. Van Tighem for her many years of service to the deaf and hard of hearing of Montana, for her successful efforts to improve educational opportunities for deaf children, and that the Board wishes Mrs. Van Tighem much happiness in her retirement.

JOHN KINNA, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MAY 20, 1992

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert T. LeMieux has informed the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind and the Board of Public Education of his plan to retire at the end of the 1992-92 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeMieux has devoted 31 years to the education of deaf and hard of hearing children and to community service statewide; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeMieux's dedicated and tireless efforts have benefitted all handicapped citizens of Montana; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Education commends Mr. LeMieux for his many years of service to the deaf and hard of hearing of Montana, for his successful efforts to improve educational opportunities for deaf and blind children, and that the Board wishes Mr. LeMieux much happiness in his retirement.

*Bill Thomas, Chairman
Board of Public Education
May 29, 1992*



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RESOLUTION HONORING

VERONICA SEKORA

OF THE

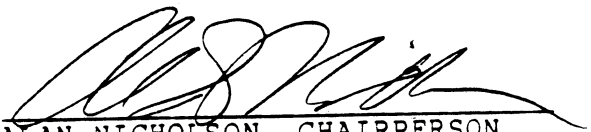
MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

WHEREAS, Veronica Sekora was employed at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind as a cook and baker from September 5, 1970 to December 29, 1989, and

WHEREAS, throughout her career she demonstrated a high level of competence and an outstanding knowledge of the culinary arts, and

WHEREAS, the students of the school have enjoyed the delicious and nutritious results of her dedicated labors for almost 20 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Education issues this resolution honoring Veronica Sekora and the many years of service she has rendered to the students of the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind.



ALAN NICHOLSON, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION ON FEBRUARY 2, 1990.



Board of Public Education

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the purpose of advancing religious, sectarian or denominational ideas, as is the purpose of the majority of private schools, at public expense, puts in jeopardy the common educational experience which is the major purpose of the public educational system;

WHEREAS the right and practice of private schools to be selective and refuse certain services is contrary to the philosophy of the public school which provides all services to all children;

WHEREAS the redistribution of public funds to private schools will cause a geographically uneven distribution contrary to the idea of equalization and thereby undermining the guarantee of universal educational opportunity;

WHEREAS the redistribution of public funds on the basis of tax credits will benefit disproportionately those who are in the high income brackets while those who are in the lower and middle income brackets will not earn enough to make worthwhile a tax credit earned by sending their children to private schools;

WHEREAS calculations indicate that tuition tax credit systems could lead to additional expenditures of several billions per year at a time when existing educational services are suffering;

WHEREAS the administrative cost of such a system as the tax tuition credit system would be disproportionately high and duplicative in the case of private schools which already are receiving funds directly or indirectly through such services as special education, text book loan and transportation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Public Education opposes any system in which state or federal government collects and redistributes public funds in order to support private education at elementary and secondary levels.



Board of Public Education

October 20, 1986

Claudette Morton
Executive Secretary

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RESOLUTION

The Board of Public Education recommends that the use of tobacco products be prohibited by students and by staff in the presence of students in all school buildings. If the administration determines a smoking area is necessary for staff it will be located in an area, as removed as possible from student areas and smokefree teacher preparation rooms.



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(Vice Chairwoman)
Harriett C. Meloy, Helena
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(Chairman)

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

WHEREAS, the level of state support in the transportation of Montana pupils was originally intended to be based on one-third of the total costs; and

WHEREAS, transportation costs have been steadily increasing due to inflation and increased transportation needs as a result of fewer districts; and

WHEREAS, Montana's statutory transportation schedules, both bus and individual, have not been adjusted by the legislature since 1951; and

WHEREAS, the level of state support has subsequently decreased to only about one-sixth of the total costs; and

WHEREAS, the increased costs of operating any type of individual or bus transportation must be raised from local property taxes which vary considerably depending on the taxable valuation of a school district and consequently promote inequities; and

WHEREAS, the Board's 1975 Report on Basic Quality Education includes recommendations consistent with and further explaining the problems cited above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Education endorses and supports House Bills 53 and 54 and urges the Forty-fourth Legislature to enact these measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Education urges the legislature to fully fund the state's share of the schedules and rates provided for in House Bills 53 and 54.

ADOPTED: January 31, 1975



Board of Public Education

Claudette Morris
Executive Secretary

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RESOLUTION

EARTH DAY 1990

WHEREAS, 1990 is the twentieth year Americans have joined together on Earth Day over concern for the environment;

WHEREAS, concern over the environment has resulted in the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the passage of major new legislation to protect our air, water, and land;

WHEREAS, despite localized environmental improvement, the health of the planet has continued to decline;

WHEREAS, the environmental threats posed by Global Climate Change, Ozone Depletion, Tropical Deforestation, Ocean Pollution, Toxic Wastes, Desertification, and Nuclear Waste will fall most heavily on today's children who are tomorrow's leaders;

WHEREAS, we must educate today's youth to recognize the environmental impact of their daily lives by becoming environmentally responsible consumers, conserving energy and water, increasing recycling efforts, and promoting environmental responsibility in their communities;

WHEREAS, the hope for tomorrow's leaders for dealing effectively with global environmental threats lies in our ability to educate ourselves with a more complete understanding of the interrelationship between economic development and ecology; and

WHEREAS, educators have a significant role to play in preparing tomorrow's leaders for the responsibilities and problems they shall inherit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Board of Public Education designate and proclaim April 22, 1990 as Earth Day 1990, and that the Board of Public Education encourages all school districts throughout the state to use this occasion to promote environmental awareness.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Nicholson', written over a horizontal line.

ALAN NICHOLSON, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATIO

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION ON MARCH 22, 1990.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS on January 1, the Montana Supreme Court removed the liability limits for school districts, and

WHEREAS school districts prior to the Supreme Court decision already had difficulty obtaining liability insurance, and

WHEREAS insurance companies increasingly are refusing to insure school districts, particularly when there is no limit on liability, and

WHEREAS school districts have no choice but to deliver services such as transportation, physical education and other which entail a high potential for civil liability, and

WHEREAS the potential of a claim against an uninsured school district could lead to school closure, and

WHEREAS such difficulties with insurance threaten the very existence of the educational system as mandated by the Montana Constitution,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Public Education urges the Legislature to pass a constitutional referendum which addresses the restoration of reasonable limits on school district liability.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON MARCH 20, 1986.

TED HAZELBAKER, CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION
REPORT ON MONTANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

The Board of Public Education supports the work being done by the Montana Telecommunications project and urges continued state support of this vital undertaking;

The Board believes that public telecommunications can play a valuable role in extending services and information to schools in the State, that it can provide a variety of media to share resolutions which are now beyond the financial capability of individual school systems, and that it can provide students with a wide array of cultural, educational, and public affairs information which would not otherwise be available;

The Board concurs in the need for an ongoing public telecommunications planning effort to assure (1) that the needs of all public telecommunications users are evaluated, (2) that existing and proposed systems are integrated to the greatest extent possible in order to provide the best service at the lowest cost, and (3) that public agencies in Montana avail themselves of telecommunications technology which offers cost-effective alternative to conventional methods.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON DECEMBER 8, 1980.

Board of Public Education

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December 12, 1978

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an estimated 80,000 children in Montana under age 15 are inadequately protected against one or more of the seven childhood diseases preventable by immunization; and

WHEREAS, Montana had the highest case rate in the nation for measles in 1977; and

WHEREAS, the case rate of measles has been approximately twice as high in those states without statewide immunization requirements for school entry as in the states with such requirements; and

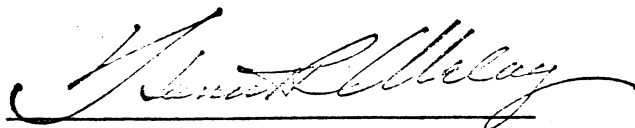
WHEREAS, Montana is one of only six states and territories which does not have statewide immunization laws or regulations for all school children; and

WHEREAS, the current law allowing local school districts to require immunizations has been frequently not adopted and, where adopted, generally unenforced and ineffective; and

WHEREAS, cases and even outbreaks of immunizable childhood diseases continue to occur unnecessarily in Montana;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Education does hereby support and urge the passage of legislation (at the next legislative session) which will create a statewide immunization requirement for all school children in Montana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a law allow for enforcement by exclusion, and allow for exemption for medical, religious, and personal reasons when recorded in writing.



HARRIETT C. MELOY
VICE CHAIRWOMAN

STATE OF MONTANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE
CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

WHEREAS public schools are owned and maintained by the people and most often represent the largest single investment of tax money in a community, and

WHEREAS schools are most often strategically located in communities and possess facilities and equipment which are adaptable for broader community use, and

WHEREAS the traditional use of schools for the purpose of educating young people six to eight hours a day, five days a week, thirty-six weeks a year does not realize the full potential usage of these important facilities for the good of the larger community, and

WHEREAS the problems facing community members today as they attempt to adjust to a changing society are so great that no one agency, organization or institution can continue to operate independently of the other, and

WHEREAS no single coordinated strategy for the development and utilization of community resources presently exists, and

WHEREAS the philosophy of community education provides that vehicle by expanding the traditional role of the school from that of a formal learning center for the young people to a community center which provides lifelong learning opportunities to all segments of the population on a schedule that is virtually around the clock, around the year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Education of the state of Montana extends its support for the development and expansion of the community education process which encourages the development of a comprehensive delivery system, based on local citizen involvement, greater utilization of school-community facilities and resources, interagency coordination and improved school-community relations in order to provide for the educational, recreational, social and cultural needs of all community members.

Adopted by the Board of Public Education on January 10, 1977.

MONTANA-WYOMING INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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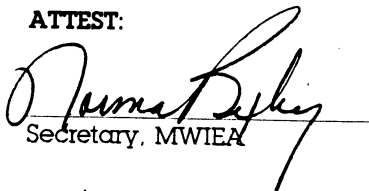
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RESOLUTIONS 2000

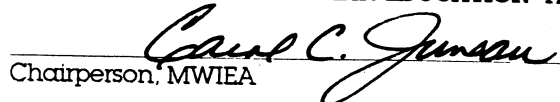
Resolution No. 00-05

- WHEREAS:** The Montana-Wyoming Indian Education Association (MWIEA) is a duly constituted Education organization sanctioned by the membership which includes educators of Indian children and adults, parents/guardians, school board members, tribal government and state government leadership, reservation and urban Indian representation, educational organizations, and other interested individuals in Montana, and
- WHEREAS:** The Montana-Wyoming Indian Education Association has been organized to represent, protect and advance the views of the Indian education community as outlined in MWIEA's constitution.
- WHEREAS:** The State of Montana, in Article X, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of its Constitution must enforce this Article the same as all other Articles in its Constitution, and
- WHEREAS:** The Montana Legislature passed into Law, House Bill 528, to assure that the intent of Article X, Section 1 of Montana's Constitution is met, and
- WHEREAS:** The Board of Education, Chaired by Governor Racicot, appointed a committee from the membership of the Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents to develop recommendations and strategies to implement the Legislative intent of H. B. 528 into all public K-12 and state institutions of higher learning, and
- WHEREAS:** The MWIEA, along with 23 other concerned citizens and organizations, provided testimony at public hearings hosted by the Said Joint Committee, and
- WHEREAS:** The Joint Committee presented and the Board of Public Education and Board of Regents approved by Resolution to read The Montana Board of Education fully supports Article X of our Montana constitution as well as all provisions of HB 528 and enjoins the Board of Regents, Board of Public Education, and Office of Public Instruction to be actively committed in their educational goals to create understanding about American Indian people and their histories and to foster respect for their respective cultures and world views,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the membership, at its annual meeting in Great Falls, Montana, extends its appreciation to Governor Racicot, the Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents for its support and acceptance of the report and recommendations to implement the Legislative Intent of H. B. 528 into Montana's education institutions.

ATTEST:

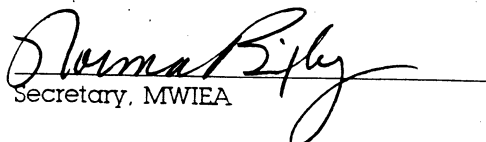

Secretary, MWIEA

MONTANA-WYOMING INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION


Chairperson, MWIEA

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Montana-Wyoming Indian Education Association in a duly called, noticed, and convened convention, assembled the 12th Day of April, 2000, with a quorum present and voting in favor of the Resolution.


Secretary, MWIEA

RESOLUTION

Resolution supporting HB2 which funds AMERICAN INDIAN FEE WAIVERS for the Montana University System.

Be It Resolved by the Board of Public Education,

Whereas, according to 1990 Census information for American Indian children from ages 0-17, between 46.8% and 59.6% live in homes below the poverty level,

Whereas, elimination of the American Indian fee waiver program would severely impact more than half of the present 863 students at the University of Montana, Eastern Montana College, Northern Montana College, Western Montana College, Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology, and Montana State University.

Whereas, each American Indian student lost to higher education due to financial barriers represents an economic and social loss to our tribes and the State of Montana.

Whereas, American Indians, constitute 6% of the Montana population, and recognizing that education is one way to gain economic and social equality, we strongly support continuation of the Fee Waiver Program to promote parity in the educational institutions in the state.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Public Education strongly recommends the passage of HB2 by the Montana Legislature.

Signed this 18th day of March, 1993



RESOLUTION

Resolution supporting HB277 which funds the OFFICE OF AMERICAN INDIAN/MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University Systems.

Be It Resolved by the Board of Public Education,

Whereas, the office of American Indian Minority Achievement was developed to provide

- 1) liaison services between the Montana University Systems and the seven tribal colleges, including schools of education;
- 2) establishment of minority achievement and diversity planning programs within the Montana University Systems; and
- 3) supportive services to continue the Montana TRACKS project which is collecting information for an initial and annual statistical profile of American Indians in education, kindergarten through postsecondary.

Whereas, the Montana TRACKS Task Force in conjunction with the Office of Public Instruction will collect racial/ethnic information on a yearly basis, whereby, in 1989-91 it was learned that 9.2% of the K-12 population were American Indians, 1.9% of the teachers were American Indians, and 1.7% of the administrators were American Indians, in addition, in 1991, 5.5% of the high school graduates were American Indians.

Whereas, the Montana TRACKS task force directed the Montana University Systems to collect racial/ethnic information on a yearly basis, whereby, in the fall of 1990, 803 American Indian students were enrolled at Eastern Montana College, the University of Montana, Northern Montana College, Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology, Western Montana College, and Montana State University; 87 American Indian students were enrolled at the vocational-technical centers; 67 American Indian students were enrolled in the community colleges; 89 American Indians were enrolled in the private colleges; and 1,689 American Indians were enrolled in the tribal colleges. Only 2.9% were enrolled in the Montana University Systems. In addition, in 1989, only 1.1% of the Montana University Systems' employees were American Indians.

Whereas, American Indians, constitute 6% of the Montana population, and we recognize that education is one way to gain economic and social equality, and strongly support continuation of the project to promote parity in the educational institutions in the state.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Public Education strongly recommends the passage of HB277 by the Montana Legislature.

Signed this 18th day of March, 1993





Board of Public Education

Claudette Morgan
Executive Secretary

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RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, The Board of Public Education believes that students should be given the opportunity to learn a variety of viewpoints;

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Education affirms the interest shown and the assistance offered by all segments of society into the education process;

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Education is aware of how powerful a force advertising is in our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Education encourages elementary and secondary schools to review carefully before accepting offers or petitions to access schools in their instructional settings which would require the use of class time and student participation in any program promoting any commercial activity.

AND, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board believes that incentives in the form of money, equipment or petitions are appropriately the choice of local boards of trustees.



ALAN NICHOLSON, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION ON MARCH 22, 1990.



Board of Public Education

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R E S O L U T I O N

Claudette Moron
Executive Secretary

WHEREAS the Montana university system is an essential part of "quality education" mandated in Montana, and

WHEREAS the Montana university system makes a substantial contribution to the educational and cultural pursuits of all Montanans, and is a major focal point for economic growth, and

WHEREAS those states experiencing economic growth and prosperous times have placed their educational system as a high priority, and

WHEREAS Montana schoolchildren depend on the Montana university system for affordable and excellent higher education, an

• THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction go on record as strongly supporting the six mill levy to fund the Montana university system.

Passed at State Board of Education meeting on June 16, 1988.

MINORITY EDUCATION RESOLUTION

Whereas: the Montana Board of Public Education has been created in Article X, section 9, subsection (3), of the Montana constitution to exercise general supervision over the public school system; and

Whereas: the Montana constitution states in Article X, section 1, subsection (1), and (2),: "It is the goal of the people to establish a system of education which will develop the full educational potential of each person. Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state."

"The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity."; and

Whereas: the Montana Board of Public Education passed a policy statement on American Indian Education in 1984; and

Whereas: the Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education has been established by the Board of Public Education and the Office of Public Instruction to act in an advisory role to them in matters affecting the education of American Indian students; and

Whereas: the Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education recently conducted the Montana Forum for Indian Education and the Indian Education Retreat, receiving numerous relevant recommendations from more than 200 educators, parents, and students; and

Whereas: the Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education subsequently offered these recommendations to the Board of Public Education.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: that

1. the Montana Board of Public Education reaffirms its commitment to accomplish the intent of Article X, section (1), subsections (1), and (2), of the Constitution of Montana;
2. the Montana Board of Public Education reaffirms its commitment to accomplish the intent of its policy statement on American Indian Education;
3. the Montana Board of Public Education reaffirms its intent to work with its Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education in all matters affecting the education of the American Indian population of the state;
4. the Montana Board of Public Education declares its intent to cooperate with the Montana Board of Regents and the Office of Public Instruction in the development of an Action Plan for Indian Education;
5. the Montana Board of Public Education declares its intent to review and strengthen its Teacher Education Program Standards to insure that Montana educators are sensitive to and responsive to culturally different students;
6. the Montana Board of Public Education declares its intent to explore the designation of no fewer than one (1) Pupil Instruction Related (P.I.R.) day for Indian education/multicultural education/human relations training; and
7. the Montana Board of Public Education declares its intent to explore accreditation rules to require schools to provide for increased parental/community involvement in the educational process.

Be It Further Resolved: that this resolution be disseminated to the Office of Public Instruction, the Montana Board of Regents, the Governor, the Legislature, and all appropriate educational entities of the state.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 1990 by

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, teaching and learning are vital activities that must be understood and prized;

WHEREAS, teachers are and will continue to be a major source of the insight and direction of our Nation's development;

WHEREAS, the teaching profession, consisting of the more than three million teachers at all levels of education, is performing in an exemplary manner;

WHEREAS, the interest of young people in entering the teaching profession is seriously declining; and

WHEREAS, the Nation must respect and reward the teaching profession in order to attract intellectually capable people;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana State Board of Public Education ask the Superintendent of Public Instruction to join the Board in the proclamation calling on the people to have appropriate ceremonies, conferences and workshops, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Public Education will, as a part of its ongoing agenda, address those issues which directly affect classroom teachers, and to that end ask the Montana Education Association, the Montana Federation of Teachers, and other educators to suggest to the Board items to be considered.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON JANUARY 7, 1985.



Board of Public Education

Claudette Monon
Executive Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Public Education believes that Montana schools should increase their efforts to educate students in the American values of patriotism and love of country, and

WHEREAS the American home has changed and the American education system must increase its efforts to nurture the values that have been held precious by generations of Americans during the last two hundred years, and

WHEREAS schools should make a conscious effort to pass on feelings of civic pride and commitment to America that are critical to our country's future,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, as one small step in the process of increasing Montana students' awareness of their heritage as Americans, the Board of Public Education recommends that teachers in every public school classroom in Montana begin the day with the Pledge of Allegiance. Participation in the Pledge of Allegiance may not be made mandatory. Students or teachers who object for any reason to participation in the exercise shall be excused from participation.

RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON JANUARY 26, 1989.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan Nicholson", written over a horizontal line.
ALAN NICHOLSON, CHAIRPERSON

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON
THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S PRINCIPAL PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, principals are identified and recognized as an essential element in the instructional improvement process; and

whereas, it is essential that the training of principals involve internships of significant length to assure success; and

WHEREAS, funds to train administrators must, for the most part, come from available resources; and

WHEREAS, any change in a major concept in the training must involve cooperation of all elements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Montana State Board of Public Education goes on record supporting and encouraging the "Principal Proposal" outlined by the Office of Public Instruction.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON MAY 14, 1985.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Public Education has the responsibility for setting forth the Accreditation Standards for schools, and

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Public Instruction has the responsibility for implementing Board policy and assuring that schools comply with Board policy, and

WHEREAS, for the past five years, the Office of Public Instruction has made on-site accreditation visits to all the public schools in Montana, and

WHEREAS these visitations have allowed Office of Public Instruction staff to observe first hand the programs of the public schools, and

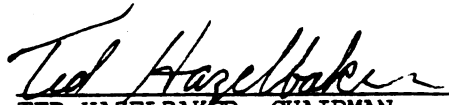
WHEREAS many of these visits provided other educators the opportunity to exchange ideas with their counterparts, and

WHEREAS public school educators have expressed their approval, appreciation and hope for continuation of these visits, and

WHEREAS the Board of Public Education feels that these visits provide critical information in order for the Board to make knowledgeable decisions regarding school accreditation, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Public Education urges the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ed Argenbright, to continue the school accreditation visitations.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON MARCH 24, 1987.


TED HAZELBAKER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION