

**Budget for Funding Indian Education for All Montanans as of ~~March 3, 2005~~**

**A. Schweitzer Budget – this is in HB 2 as of 3/3/05**

OPI Budget for Indian Education for all Montanans.....	\$2,000,000
Funding to Tribal Colleges – for them to develop their tribal history.....	\$1,000,000
Total in Schweitzer Budget.....	\$3,000,000

**B. \$7,528,525 Budget Request submitted by Education Subcommittee “working group”  
 (Senator Carol Williams, Rep. Verdel Jackson and Rep. Carol Juneau  
 This was partially approved Feb. 10, 2005 by Ed. Subcommittee on Appropriations\***

Best Practices Conference.....	\$ 70,000
Grants to 50 Model “Ready to Go” School Districts for 2 year implementation of Indian Education for All Montanans, demonstrating “best practices” for replication.... (\$2,000,000 request – 1/2 approved)...	\$1,100,000 *
1 FTE for Indian Education Specialist to administer grants program, including benefits and insurance for biennium.....	\$ 120,000
Additional Travel for MT Advisory Council on Indian Education.....	\$ 25,000
Public Education Campaign about Indian Education for All Montanans: provides funding for contract services for development and implementation of a public relations campaign to create awareness & support with the public about Indian Education for All Montanans.....	\$ 50,000
OPI Administrative/Indirect Cost (17.3%).....	\$ 73,525
Total Approved.....	<b>\$1,438,525</b>
<b>Total of Schweitzer budget and HB 2 additions as of 3/3/05 (for K-12 and Tribal Colleges.....</b>	<b>\$4,438,525</b>

**C. Amount of the “Working Group Budget” Not Approved by Education Subcommittee on Appropriations:**

2 year Grants for Curriculum Development Grants will be made for development of model curriculum aligned to Montana Standards, development of a clearinghouse for materials materials, CD/web and resource material production, and pilot testing of materials.....	\$1,330,000
2 year Grants for Professional Development Grants will be made for two purposes: a) for development, testing, and implementation of professional development opportunities for Montana’s K-12 schools to infuse “Best Practices” curriculum and b) grants available to local school districts for implementation of “Best Practices” in Indian Education for All Montanans Curriculum.....	\$3,700,000
Grants to 50 Model “Ready to Go” School Districts for 2 year implementation of Indian Education for All Montanans, demonstrating “Best Practices” for replication..... (This is part of the \$2,000,000 request, which was approved for 1/2 or \$1,100,000 of 2-9-05)	\$ 900,000
Grant administration operating expenses.....	\$ 100,000
Half time accountant.....	\$ 60,000
<b>Total Not Approved.....</b>	<b>\$6,090,000</b>

*\*(Note: Total original request was \$23,000,000 – based on formula of \$50.00 per ANB for 2005-06 and \$98.00 per ANB for 2006-07 for direct funding to schools)*

## Proposed Budget for Funding Indian Education for All Montanans

The following are proposed enhancements and additions to the Office of Public Instruction budget proposal. All funding flows through the Office of Public Instruction, accountability, alignment to existing Montana Standards, and maximum coordination of resources. Administration of grant programs will be the responsibility of one additional Indian Education Specialist above the two positions provided for in the Office of Public Instruction budget.

1)	2 year Grants for Curriculum Development	\$1,330,000
	Grants will be made for development of model curriculum aligned to Montana Standards, development of a clearinghouse for materials, CD/web and resource material production, and pilot testing of materials.	
2)	2 year Grants for Professional Development	\$3,700,000
	Grants will be made for two purposes: a) for development, testing, and implementation of professional development opportunities for Montana's K-12 schools to infuse "Best Practices" curriculum and b) grants available to local school districts for implementation of "Best Practices" in Indian Education for All Montanans curriculum.	
3)	Best Practices Conference	\$70,000
4)	Grants to 50 Model "Ready to Go" School Districts for 2 year implementation of Indian Education for All Montanans, demonstrating "Best Practices" for replication.	\$2,000,000
5)	1 FTE for Indian Education Specialist to administer grants program, including benefits and insurance for biennium	\$120,000
	Grant administration operating expenses	\$100,000
6)	Additional Travel for MT Advisory Council on Indian Education	\$25,000
7)	Public Education Campaign about Indian Education for All Montanans Provides funding for contract services for development and implementation of a public relations campaign to create awareness and support with the public about Indian Education for All Montanans.	\$50,000
8)	Half time accountant	\$60,000
9)	OPI Administrative/Indirect Cost (17.3%)	\$73,525
	Total	\$7,528,525

## **WHY ADEQUATELY FUND INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL MONTANANS?**

### **Article X, 1 (2)**

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

### **Supreme Court Decision – Nov. 9, 2004 – Unanimous Decision**

"We affirm the District Court's conclusion that the current funding system violates Article X, Section 1 (2), of the Montana Constitution in that the state has failed to recognize the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians and has shown no commitment in its educational goals to the preservation of Indian Cultural identity."

### **Jeffery M. Sherlock, District Court Judge, Helena, April 19, 2004:**

"This Court hereby rules that the current state funding system violates Article X, Section 1 (2) of the Montana Constitution in that the State has failed to recognize the distinct and unique cultural identity.

"To have any meaning or effect, the Indian Education for all Act requires resources and programs, which in turn, require funding.... In reality, the State appears to be defenseless on Plaintiffs claim that Article X, Section 1 (2) of the Montana Constitution has not been implemented by the State despite the constitution's direction to do so."

### **1972 – Two high school students from Fort Peck – testimony at Con-Con**

"We hereby request the state of Montana to recognize the need for the inclusion and implementation of culturally sensitive curricula within the public education system adapted to the ethnic groups within the area of the school district. Most especially, we request that the curricula shall be relevant and sensitive to the native peoples residing in the State of Montana. We would like, very simply, our history, our culture, our identity."

***Indian Education for All Montanans is:***

*...the only constitutionally mandated curriculum in Montana for the state's educational systems.*

*...meant for ALL students in Montana from kindergarten through college.*

*...insuring that all curricula reflect culturally appropriate American/Montana Indian content through an integrated curriculum.*

*...providing all schools with instructional resources to provide a quality educational curriculum that reflects American/Montana Indians.*

*...providing all teachers with adequate training both in college teacher preparation programs as well as school inservice to enable them to effectively integrate culturally relevant content and teaching strategies into their curriculum.*

*...Montana's educational systems reflecting the wonderful diversity of Montana's citizens.*

