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Amendment to House Bill 2  
For the Joint Appropriations Education Subcommittee

Prepared by the Office of Public Instruction  
January 20, 2005

**HB 2 - DP12 FUNDING FOR SURPLUS COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$45,786 in each year of the next biennium and a .25 FTE to provide funding for the surplus computers for schools program.

OPI began administering this program with existing staff and resources after it was authorized by the 1999 Legislature (18-6-101, MCA) As a result of growth in this program, OPI requests increasing an existing 0.25 FTE to a 0.50 FTE, providing storage space, supplies, phone and internet service to the storage facility, and provide funding to operate and maintain an older model vehicle for hauling computers from a state agency to the storage facility.

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**HB 2 - DP13 EDUCATION LICENSURE**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$7,080 in each year of the next biennium to provide funding for the Education Licensure Program.

This request is for a present law adjustment for the Education Licensure program. The increase is needed to cover the costs associated with scanning education licenses, conducting fingerprint-based background checks for initial applicants for an educator license, and for additional mailings to educators.

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**HB 2 - DP53 GIFTED AND TALENTED ASSISTANCE**

Program 06 – State Level Activities

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$52,213 and a 0.50 FTE in each year of the next biennium for funding for the administration of the Gifted and Talented Program.

This request would increase the funding available to the OPI to administer the gifted and talented programs that are required by state statute and Board of Public Education Accreditation Standards. Without an increase specifically earmarked for administration of these programs, OPI must bear the cost of this unfunded mandate. As a result, the amount of resources directed toward administering these vitally important programs is significantly less than what is required to administer educationally sound and effective programs for gifted and talented students. These students' gifts and talents often are neglected to the point that extraordinary potential for human advancement is squandered.

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**HB 2 - DP70 Stipends for National Board Certification**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$21,000 in FY2007 for stipends to teachers who achieve National Board Certification.

This proposal is for payment of stipends in the amount of \$3,000/ teacher to Montana teachers who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. OPI estimates that 15 teachers will be eligible in FY 2007. OPI's base budget includes \$24,000 for stipends. This increase will provide the additional \$21,000 that is needed to fund 15 stipends at \$3,000/stipend.

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**HB 2 - DP71 SABHRS FIXED COST**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$73,176 in each year of the next biennium to pay the SABHRS Fixed Cost.

This request would provide funding to pay the Statewide, Budgeting, and Human Resource System (SABHRS) fixed cost assessed by the Department of Administration to OPI. Currently fixed costs, such as SABHRS, are paid out of OPI's Indirect Cost Pool. However, revenues in the pool are not keeping pace with expenditures, largely because of increases in "fixed costs".

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**HB 2 - DP72 Curriculum Specialists**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$421,749 in FY2006 and \$421,749 in FY2007 for 4 FTE curriculum specialists and 2 support staff positions at the Office of Public Instruction.

This request is for 4 FTE to serve as curriculum specialists. The math, science, reading/language arts, and early grades specialists would provide statewide technical assistance to 13,000 certified educators in over 450 school districts. In addition, each specialist would assist with accreditation monitoring to meet the requirements of the Montana Board of Public Education. The math and science specialists would assist educators with high school improvement, while the reading/language arts and early childhood specialists would assist with elementary and middle school improvement. The request also includes two support staff to provide administrative support to the specialists and to the accreditation and curriculum programs.

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**HB 2 - DP73 Measurement and Accountability**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$92,414 in FY2006 and \$92,414 in FY2007 for 1 FTE research and analysis specialist position.

This request would provide necessary resources to the measurement and accountability function that provides required and critical data and data analysis for K-12 education in Montana. An essential function is to gather and analyze data and information to assess how Montana schools are performing to ensure student achievement. The data will be used to improve student achievement by informing teachers, administrators, and parents so that they may identify and implement appropriate strategies for increased student success. Having the tools that this expanded data function will provide is vital to improving student achievement.

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**HB 2 - DP 74 LEARN AND SERVE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**  
Program 06-State Level Activities

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$127,000 in the federal special revenue fund and 1.00 FTE in each year of the biennium to administer the Learn and Serve Homeland Security grant. This is a biennial appropriation.

The Homeland Security Grant Program is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The objective of the grant is to enhance the safety and security of schools and communities through Citizen Preparedness through Youth Leadership project. Funds will be used to administer sub grants awarded to six selected schools with service-learning history. Training will be provided to assist students and adults to engage in volunteer service-learning activities that strengthen existing disaster response infrastructures, build linkages between schools and homeland security initiatives. Replicable rural homeland security models will be developed and disseminated. The effectiveness of this grant project will be evaluated by outside evaluators.

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For Senator Carol Williams

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**HB 2 - DP77 Art Curriculum Specialists**

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$86,813 in FY2006 and \$86,813 in FY2007 for 1 FTE Arts curriculum specialist position at the Office of Public Instruction.

This request is for 1 FTE to serve as an Arts curriculum specialist. The Arts specialist would provide statewide technical assistance to 13,000 certified educators in over 450 school districts. In addition, the specialist would assist with accreditation monitoring to meet the requirements of the Montana Board of Public Education.

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**HB 2 - DP50 GIFTED AND TALENTED ASSISTANCE**

Program 09 – Local Education Activities

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$200,000 in each year of the next biennium to provide funding for the Gifted and Talented Program. This is a biennial appropriation.

This request would increase the minimal funding available to Montana schools for gifted and talented programs that are required by state statute and Board of Public Education Accreditation Standards. Without an increase specifically earmarked for these programs, district general fund budgets must bear the cost of this unfunded mandate. As a result, the amount of resources directed toward these vitally important programs is significantly less than what is required to operate educationally sound and effective programs for gifted and talented students. These students' gifts and talents often are neglected to the point that extraordinary potential for human advancement is squandered.