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❖ Per *Measuring Up 2004* (The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education), the percentage of Montanans participating in higher education has declined:

- 500 more students are leaving the state than are entering to attend college
- Of all the states, Montana ranks lowest in terms of adults enrolled part time in college-level education

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❖ We must ensure access and affordability and help manage the student debt load

❖ We must continue to emphasize Native American participation and success

- For example, enrollment at UM-Missoula has increased from 249 in 1990 to 491 in 2005
- The six year graduation rate, while below the UM-Missoula average of 44.9%, has improved from 24.3% to 38.5%

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❖ We must work to restore nonresident enrollment to historical levels

❖ We must provide an equitable allocation of state funds to assure the viability of the smaller campuses

❖ We must enhance two-year education:

- Target programs to match employer demand
- Replace/augment instructional equipment

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