

Office of Public Instruction
Prepared Testimony on SJ012

SENATE EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 2-11-05

BILL NO. SJ-12

Bill Number: SJ012
Bill Subject: promote civic education in Montana schools
Sponsor: Sen. Kitzenberg
Pro/Opp/Info: Proponent
Committee: Senate Education
Chairperson: Sen. Don Ryan
Meeting Info: February 11, 2005 3:00 pm Room 303

Testimony:

Chairman Ryan and Members of the Committee, for the record my name is Rick Chiotti. I am here to provide testimony on behalf of Superintendent Linda McCulloch in support of SJ012.

Superintendent McCulloch believes that the purposes of the resolution – which are: to promote instruction in government and history, include current issues in the classroom, provide learning opportunities through community service, involve the school and the community, and promote student participation in school governance – are worthwhile endeavors. Superintendent McCulloch strongly believes that a resolution (not legislation) is the proper way for the legislature to approach the Board of Public Education and local school boards regarding curricular content and classroom instruction.

For these reasons, the Office of Public Instruction is a proponent of Senate Joint Resolution 12.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee.