

MONTANA QUALITY EDUCATION COALITION

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	BILL NO.	AMOUNT PAID
Alberton K-12 Schools	P. O. Box 330	Alberton, MT 59820	1,700.00
Anaconda Public Schools	P. O. Box 1281	Anaconda, MT 59711	17,000.00
Augusta Public Schools	PO Box 307	Augusta, MT 59410	700.00
Baker Public Schools	P.O. Box 659	Baker, MT 59313	1,400.00
Beaverhead Co. H.S.	104 North Pacific	Dillon, MT 59725	1,400.00
Belt Public Schools	P.O. Box 197	Belt, MT 59412	400.00
Big Timber Elementary	P. O. Box 887	Big Timber, MT 59011	1,400.00
Bigfork Public Schools	P. O. Box 188	Bigfork, MT 59911	16,252.00
Billings Public Schools	415 North 30th St.	Billings MT 59101	132,000.00
Bozeman Public Schools	P.O. Box 520	Bozeman, MT 59771	88,000.00
Browning S.D. #9	P. O. Box 610	Browning, MT 59417	10,000.00
Butte Public Schools	111 N. Montana	Butte, MT 59701	88,000.00
Cascade Public Schools	P. O. Box 307	Cascade, MT 59421	2,580.00
Cayuse Prairie			191.00
Centerville Public Schools	693 Highway 227	Sand Coulee, MT 59472	4,400.00
Choteau Schools	Choteau, MT 59422		1,200.00
Colstrip Public Schools	P. O. Box 159	Colstrip, MT 59323	15,400.00
Columbia Falls Schools	By Journal Voucher		46,421.00
Columbus Public Schools	433 N. 3rd St.	Columbus, MT 59019-7165	6,000.00
Corvallis k-12 Schools	P. O. Box 700	Corvallis, MT 59828	19,000.00
Custer S.D. #15	P. O. Box 69	Custer, MT 59024	350.00
Cut Bank Schools	1001 3rd Ave. SE	Cut Bank, MT 59457	9,100.00
Darby K-12 Schools	209 School Dr., Darby, MT 59829		5,000.00
Deer Lodge Elementary Schools	444 Montana Ave.	Deer Lodge, MT 59722	11,000.00
Dillon Elementary Schools	225 East Reeder	Dillon, MT 59725	9,500.00
Dutton K-12 Schools	101 2nd St. NE	Dutton, MT 59433-9670	2,200.00
East Helena Schools	P. O. Box 1280	E. Helena, MT 59635	22,000.00
Ekalaka Public Schools			300.00
Eureka Public Schools	P. O. Box 2000	Eureka, MT 59917	12,636.00
Evergreen Elementary School	18 w. Evergreen Dr.	Kalispell, MT 59901	11,660.00
Florence-Carlton K-12	5602 Old Highway 93	Florence, MT 59833	14,000.00
Forsyth Public Schools	Box 319	Forsyth, MT 59327	4,400.00
Geyser Public Schools			500.00
Great Falls Public Schools	Box 2429	Great Falls, MT 59403	72,000.00
Hamilton k-12	217 Daly Ave.	Hamilton, MT 59840	15,000.00
Harlowton SD #16	Harlowton, MT		700.00
Havre Public Schools	Box 7791	Havre, MT 59501	12,000.00
Helena Flats	1000 Helena Flats Rd.	Kalispell, MT 59901	2,377.00
Helena Public Schools	55 South Rodney	Helena, MT 59604	110,000.00
Hobson Schools	P. O. Box 410	Hobson, MT 59718	700.00
Indian Impact Schools/MT	1 S. Montana	Helena 59601	24,000.00
Judith Gap Public Schools	P. O. Box 67	Judith Gap, MT 59453	850.00
Kalispell Public Schools	233 First Ave. E.	Kalispell, MT 59901	76,000.00
Kremlin-Gilddford Public Schools	P. O. Box 250	Gilddford, MT 59525	850.00
Lambert Public Schools	P. O. Box 260	Lambert, MT 59243	850.00
Lame Deer Public School	Box 96	Lame Deer, MT 59043	7,000.00
Laurel Public Schools	410 Colorado Ave.,	Laurel, MT 59044	13,000.00
Lewistown Public Schools	215 7th Ave. S.	Lewistown, MT 59457	22,000.00
Libby K-12 Schools	724 Lousiana Ave.	Libby, MT 59923	23,725.00
Lima Public Schools	P. O. Box 186	Lima, MT 59739	1,700.00
Livingston Public Schools	132 South B St.	Livingston, MT 59047	17,000.00

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2004-05 MEMBERS

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Lockwood Schools	1932 U.S. Hwy. 87 Billings, MT 59101	12,000.00
Lolo School District #7	11395 Hwy. 93 S. Lolo, MT 59847	6,000.00
Lone Rock Elementary	1112 Three Mile Crk Rd. Stevensville, MT 59870	3,400.00
M.R.E.A.	1134 1/2 Butte Ave. Helena, MT 59601	24,000.00
M.S.B.A.	1 S. Montana Helena, MT 59601	24,000.00
MEA-MFT	1232 E. Sixth Ave. Helena, MT 59601	132,000.00
Medicine Lake K-12 Schools	P. O. Box 265 Medicine Lake, MT 59247	2,200.00
Missoula Co. Schools	215 South 6th W. Missoula, MT 59801	110,000.00
Monforton School	6001 Monforton School Rd. Bozeman, MT 59718	1,200.00
Montana City S.D. #27	11 McClellan Creek Rd. Clancy, MT 59634	2,400.00
Noxon Public Schools	P. O. Box 1506 Noxon, MT 59853	4,400.00
Opheim Public Schools	Opheim, MT 59250	350.00
Peerless Public Schools	Peerless, MT 59253	100.00
Plains Public Schools	P. O. Box 549 Plains, MT 59859	4,400.00
Plevna School District No. 55		100.00
Powell County High School		600.00
Reed Point Schools	P. O. Box 338 Reedpoint, MT 59069	1,100.00
Rosebud Public Schools	Box 38 Rosebud, MT 59347	900.00
Roundup Public Schools	P. O. Box 70 Roundup, MT 59072	6,000.00
Rygate Schools	Box 129 Rygate, MT 59074	1,100.00
S.A.M.	1134 Butte Ave. Helena, MT 59601	24,000.00
Saco Public Schools	P. O. Box 298 Saco, MT 59261	850.00
School District #58	Geysler, MT 59447	200.00
Seeley Lake Elementary	P. O. Box 840 Seeley Lake, MT 59868	700.00
Shields Valley S.D. #J12-5	Wilsall, MT 59086	800.00
Sidney Public Schools	121 5th St. SW Sidney, MT 59270	22,000.00
Somers Public Schools	P. O. Box 159 Somers, MT 59932	11,500.00
Stevensville Public Schools	300 Park Street, Stevensville, MT 59870	8,000.00
Sun River Valley Public Schools	Box 380 Simms, MT 59477	2,400.00
Superior Public Schools	P. O. Box 400 Superior, MT 59972	4,400.00
Thompson Falls Public Schools	P. O. Box 129 Thompson Falls, MT 59973	9,073.00
Townsend SD#1	201 N. Spruce Townsend, MT 59644	3,500.00
Troy Public Schools	P. O. Box 867 Troy, MT 59935	11,534.00
Victor Public Schools	425 4th Ave. Victor, MT 59875	4,400.00
West Glacier Elementary School	P. O. Box 309, West Glacier, MT 59936	1,100.00
West Valley Elementary	2290 Farm to Market Rd. Kalispell, MT 59901	4,705.00
White Sulphur Springs	P. O. Box C White Sulphur Springs, Mt 59645	3,900.00
Whitefish Public Schools	600 E. Second St. Whitefish, MT 59937	23,846.00
Whitehall Elem. District #4-47	Whitehall, MT 59759	3,500.00
Whitewater Public Schools	Box 46 Whitewater, MT 59544	350.00
Willow Creek Public School	P. O. Box 189 Willow Creek, MT 59760	850.00
Wolf Point Public Schools	220 4th Ave. S. Wolf Point, MT 59201	11,900.00
TOTAL		1,445,600.00

1/31/2007

School_District_Membership_Dues_FY_2001_FY_2007[2]SUMMARY



January 31, 2007

**TO: SENATOR DAN MCGEE
SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**FROM: PETE CARPARELLI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MONTANA QUALITY EDUCATION COALITION**

RE: DATA YOU REQUESTED DURING SB 307 HEARING

Senator McGee and members of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee, I had intended to make this memo a transmittal of my complete response to requests by Senator McGee for information related to MQEC membership, membership dues, and cost of the adequacy lawsuit (Columbia Falls v State of Montana). I apologize that I am not completely able to do so at this time. I can only provide part of what he requested.

Please allow me to explain. MQEC's financial records are kept by the Business Office of Columbia Falls School District No. 6. To answer Senator McGee's request for membership dues and litigation expenditures, I requested information from SD No. 6. As I reviewed the information for transmittal to you, I realized that I may not have asked for the right data or for data covering the time period to which Senator McGee had addressed his requests. I realized that I might not have the complete answer he asked for, and I wanted to assure completeness and accuracy.

I have spent some time trying to get a full packet of information for you, but Dr. Mike Nicosia, Superintendent of School District No. 6, was not available for me to due diligence with as a final check of my work for you. I will do my best to make that contact, and to get you the entire set of answers for which Senator McGee has asked.

In the meantime, I am transmitting a spreadsheet of MQEC members and their total dues paid since FY 2001. Please note that the spreadsheet includes dues paid by MQEC's association members. The total dues collected since 2001 is \$1,445,600.00. Of that portion, \$228,000 is attributed to five association members.

We are unable to ascertain how much of the dues is from public funds. We have never asked members to indicate the revenue source they used to pay the dues. We do know that some districts have used non-tax revenues to paid dues, but we believe that those would be few.

We are unable to ascertain the cost of defense of the litigation. That is not something MQEC has requested from the State of Montana.

I am in the process of getting complete and accurate accounting of our litigation costs to date, and will bring them to you as soon as I have them.

Thank you for your patience. I apologize for the disadvantage of being new in my position, and not being agile with the matters you consider important to your deliberations.



February 2, 2007

**TO: SENATOR DAN MCGEE
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RE: DATA YOU REQUESTED DURING SB 307 HEARING

Senator McGee and members of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee, I submit this memo as a transmittal to answer the final question posed to me by Senator McGee after my testimony during committee hearing of SB 307 on January 29. This supplements the other questions I answered in an earlier memo that I delivered to you through Senator Ryan's office on Wednesday, January 31.

Legal Expenditures

The legal expenditures incurred by MQEC include fees paid to attorneys for professional services, as well as legally-related costs for such things as expert fees, travel, deposition transcripts, exhibits and materials, etc. The total amount paid by MQEC for legally related fees and costs is \$484,850.26. Of this amount, approximately 2/3 has been for attorneys fees paid over the five years since MQEC's inception, and approximately 1/3 has been for costs.

To date, MQEC has expended approximately 34% of its total revenues for legal fees and costs. This demonstrates that the organization has fulfilled its commitment to pursue a two-pronged strategy of advocacy: (1) working through the public arena and with policymakers to advocate for constitutionally adequate funding for public education; and (2) seeking a judicial declaration that the State had not satisfied its constitutional obligations with respect to funding for public elementary and secondary education.

Again, thank you for your patience as I took more time than I expected when I promised to provide the answers to Senator McGee's request for information. I am willing to assist you in whatever way I can, as I hope that we can work together toward legislation that moves the State toward adequate school funding.