Key Note Disclosures in the Basic Financial Statements and SEFA

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (A-41 through A-51)

This note provides information on the significant accounting policies underlying the financial statements, and a description of the differences between what is presented in the Government-Wide financial statements versus the Fund Financial statements.

⇒ Note 3 – Cash/ Cash Equivalents and Investments (A-53 through A-67)

This note provides information on the nature and types of investments presented in the financial statements, as well as related risk disclosures and disclosures regarding how fair values are determined.

⇒ Note 5 – Capital Assets (A-71 and A-72)

This note provides a detailed break-down of the state's capital assets, including any associated accumulated depreciation recorded for those assets.

Note 6 – Retirement Plans (A-73 through A-120)

This note provides more information on the retirement plans in which the state participates or is a contributing entity. The note includes details on benefit terms for plan participants, information on the Net Pension Liability (NPL) and its related accounting components, and valuation of the assets held by the various retirement systems. One important note is there is an intentional one-year delay between the information reported in the retirement system financial statements as compared to the state's basic financial statements, as an employer participating in the plan. This delay is established in governmental Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and is intended to allow for more timely financial reporting for plan participants.

Note 11 – State Short-Term Debt and Long-Term Liabilities (A-137 through A-141)

This note provides information on state debt, both short-term and long-term, and on other long-term liabilities. It includes a detailed break-down of the state's long-term liabilities by liability type, and includes information on additions and reductions to those balances during the fiscal year, along with the amounts payable in one year and more than one year.

Note 18 – Component Units (A-159 through A-170)

This note provides information on the state's discretely presented component units, which are the Montana Board of Housing, the Facility Finance Authority, Montana State Fund, Montana State University, and University of Montana. The financial activity of these entities is presented in a consolidated manner in the Government-Wide financial statements on pages A-21 through A-24. Note 18 contains more information on the underlying financial activity by component unit, as well as other information required by GAAP to be disclosed.

Note 1 − Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (A-238 through A-241) This note includes a summary of fiscal year 2020 expenditures funded by the CARES act, by federal program.