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## Question 1

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What does BASE stand for?

Select one or more:

- a. Building and Sustaining Education
- b. Basic And Standard Education
- c. Basic And Special Education
- d. Base Amount for School Equity ✓

Check

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: Base Amount for School Equity

## Question 2

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Including PIR (Pupil Instruction Related) days in the calculation of ANB increases enrollment numbers by about:

Select one or more:

- a. 1%
- b. 2%
- c. 4% ✓
- d. 7%


Check

Your answer is correct. The addition of 7 PIR days to the 180 day calendar results in a ratio of 187/180 or 1.039 or a 3.9% increase.

The correct answer is: 4%


**Question 3**

Incorrect

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The Otter Creek lease provided extra money for school districts in FY2012.

Select one:


- True 
- False

This statement is false. Prior to SB 175 (2013) interest and income from school trust lands deposited in the Guarantee Account simply reduced the amount of state general fund dollars going to school districts. With the passage of SB 175, a portion of the income from school trust lands in excess of \$56 million will provide extra money for districts.

The correct answer is 'False'.


**Question 4**

Incorrect

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Revenue from the Guarantee Account and the 95 mills covers roughly how much of annual state K-12 spending?

Select one or more:

- a. 1/3
- b. 1/2 
- c. 2/3
- d. 3/4

Your answer is incorrect. In FY 15, the Guarantee Account provided about \$50 million and the 95 mills generated about \$250 million of the roughly \$800 million.


The correct answer is: 1/3

**Question 5**

Incorrect


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An elementary school district with 3 elementary schools receives 3 basic entitlements.

Select one:

 True  False

Each elementary district budgets with one basic entitlement regardless of number of schools. Larger districts do budget additional "basic entitlement increments" based on ANB, but this is independent of the number of schools.


The correct answer is 'False'.

**Question 6**

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The reduction in ANB entitlement amounts (aka the decrement) affects a high school district when ANB exceeds 800.

Select one:

 True  False

The decrement reduces the per-ANB entitlement beginning with the second student (ANB). For high school districts in FY 16, this means the per-ANB entitlement of ANB #1 is \$6,847, #2 is \$6,846.50, #3 is \$6,846 with each additional ANB dropping the entitlement by \$0.50 up to 800 ANB at which point all subsequent ANB generate a per-ANB entitlement of \$6,447.50.

The correct answer is 'False'.

**Question 7**

Correct

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The amount of revenue generated by the lottery for K-12 education in FY 14 was about:

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Select one or more:

- a. \$0 ✓
- b. \$4.5 million
- c. \$7.5 million
- d. \$12.5 million

Check

Your answer is correct. Lottery revenue goes to the state general fund, but is not earmarked for K-12 education.

The correct answer is: \$0

**Question 8**

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Increases in the Quality Educator payment mean dollar-for-dollar raises for teachers.

Select one:

- True ✗
- False

Check

The quality educator payment increases district general fund budgets by \$3,113 per licensed FTE in FY 16, but isn't necessarily used to increase teacher salaries.

The correct answer is 'False'.

**Question 9**

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The state funds 80% of BASE budgets; local taxes pay for the remaining 20%.

Select one:

- True ✗
- False


Check

The BASE budget is established using 80% of the basic and per-ANB entitlements, but the state funds 44.7% of these through direct state aid. The remaining 35.3% of this budget area is funded through non-levy revenue, GTB aid, and local taxes. The percentage of state aid in an individual district's general fund budget is dependent on numerous factors.

The correct answer is 'False'.

**Question 10**

Incorrect

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In his 2008 decision, Judge Sherlock characterized Montana's school funding system as having:

Select one or more:

- a. "confounding complexity"
- b. "spellbinding simplicity"
- c. "likely been designed on the back of a Jorgenson's barnap"
- d. "a certain Rube Goldberg-esque quality" ✖

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is: "confounding complexity"

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## Question 11

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Match the fund to its description.

Funded by approved transfers from other funds and other districts, this fund is expended for cooperative efforts of multiple districts.

Interlocal Agreement



Funded by a voted levy and supplemented with state payments in districts with lower taxable value, this fund is used to pay the principal and interest of outstanding bonds.

Debt Service



Funded through county-levied mills that are subsidized by state GTB aid, this fund is used to pay TRS and PERS contributions of district employees.

Retirement



Funded generally through the sale of bonds, this fund is used for construction and building purchases.

Building



Formula funded with a blend of state and local dollars, this fund is used for basic maintenance and operational costs of a district not financed by other funds.

General



Funded for the most part with a permissive mill levy, this fund is used to pay a portion of the educational costs of resident students who attend another district and to pay for special education costs that exceed other funding.



Funded by a voted levy for a fixed period of time not to exceed 20 years, this fund is used to pay for voter-approved construction projects.



Funded with a permissive mill levy and equal formula-driven reimbursements from county and state funds, this fund is used for bus driver salaries, bus purchases and operation, and contracted services.



Funded by various state and federal grant programs, this fund is generally restricted to use for the purposes of those grant programs.



Funded in various but limited ways, this fund can be used for multiple purposes.



Federally funded, this fund can be used in numerous ways.



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: Funded by approved transfers from other funds and other districts, this fund is expended for cooperative efforts of multiple districts. – Interlocal Agreement, Funded by a voted levy and supplemented with state payments in districts with lower taxable value, this fund is used to pay the principal and

interest of outstanding bonds. – Debt Service, Funded through county-levied mills that are subsidized by state GTB aid, this fund is used to pay TRS and PERS contributions of district employees. – Retirement, Funded generally through the sale of bonds, this fund is used for construction and building purchases. – Building, Formula funded with a blend of state and local dollars, this fund is used for basic maintenance and operational costs of a district not financed by other funds. – General, Funded for the most part with a permissive mill levy, this fund is used to pay a portion of the educational costs of resident students who attend another district and to pay for special education costs that exceed other funding. – Tuition, Funded by a voted levy for a fixed period of time not to exceed 20 years, this fund is used to pay for voter-approved construction projects. – Building Reserve, Funded with a permissive mill levy and equal formula-driven reimbursements from county and state funds, this fund is used for bus driver salaries, bus purchases and operation, and contracted services. – Transportation, Funded by various state and federal grant programs, this fund is generally restricted to use for the purposes of those grant programs. – Miscellaneous, Funded in various but limited ways, this fund can be used for multiple purposes. – Flexibility, Federally funded, this fund can be used in numerous ways. – Impact Aid

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